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The "Hongkong Telegraph" will not be published on Monday, Christmas Day. There will be no morning newspapers on Tuesday, so Tuesday afternoon's "Telegraph" will therefore contain world news for three days. There will only be one Edition.

Observers Dumbfounded By Finnish Successes

RED REVERSES BECOME ROUT ON NORTH FRONT

MILITARY OBSERVERS ARE DUMBFOUNDED AT THE SUCCESS ATTAINED BY THE FINNISH ARMS ON THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FRONTS, DESPITE AN OVERWHELMING PREPONDERANCE OF RUSSIAN FORCES.

It is declared by "Reuter" that the tactics employed by Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish C. in C., are meeting with success.

On the Petsamo front the Russian retirement, which began in orderly fashion, has now turned into disordered flight, the Russians abandoning their equipment as they flee.

RED RAIDS CONTINUE

350 Russian Planes Over Finland

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Over 350 Russian planes were over Finland yesterday but the results they achieved were very small, declared a Staff Colonel, summing up Finland's position after three weeks of war to "Reuter."

He said that enemy activity had taken place at every possible point on the whole frontier.

"At the Karelian Isthmus, which we consider one of the essential points to defend, we allowed the Russians to advance until the first lines were reached. These we are now holding."

Unbreakable Line

"The Russians made a determined bid to break this defence but they were unsuccessful. They used over 1,000 tanks and they have already lost 250 of them."

"Experience has shown that the enemy forces are not particularly to be dreaded and they have not achieved any important military success."

"Our special observation posts are manned by women, who are doing an excellent job, and important information is received immediately."

35 Planes Shot Down

"It is confirmed that in the last three days we shot down 35 planes. Our defence has succeeded in splitting the enemy squadrons into small groups which resulted in bombs being dropped in odd places and anywhere."

"Yesterday only nine civilians were killed and one wounded, including one soldier."

Regarding the sea, the Colonel continued that the coast between the Karelian Isthmus and the Aaland Islands was perhaps the most strongly fortified coast in Europe. The enemy's success hitherto was limited to the outlying islands of the Gulf which were unfortified.

He stated that the Soviet Navy had not risked big engagements with coastal defences.

AIR-LINER OVERDUE

British Warship Loads Search Near Malta

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A British warship is leading the search for a British air-liner, carrying a crew of five and five passengers, which is overdue at Malta. It is missing in the Mediterranean.

The machine left Alexandria yesterday and made a scheduled call at Sollum, about 300 miles west of Alexandria, and then took off for Malta.

The plane's last message was received at Malta wireless station at 11.30 p.m. G.M.T., since when there has been no trace of the machine, which gave out no distress signals.

All ships in the neighbourhood have been informed, and the Italian authorities are conducting a search along the Libyan coast.

The Finns have apparently regained the entire Norwegian border area.

While Moscow Radio remains quiet, Finland jubilantly reads G.H.Q. communiques which claim that the Russians are everywhere in retreat on the two fronts.

If the Finnish communiques are correct, states "United Press", it means that they have turned the tide of battle after holding the ground under tremendous pressure and heavy bombardment.

The bitter cold is partially blamed for the Russian reverses on the Arctic (Petsamo) front.

Rovaniemi Re-Taken
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 22 (UP).—A communique issued by the Finnish G.H.Q. in the field on the north central front at Rovaniemi, claims that the town of Savoski, in the Salla sector, was recaptured last night.

A Finnish patrol penetrated 30 miles behind the Russian lines in the same sector, destroying twenty petrol and ammunition trucks.

"The Russians have either halted or are retreating on the whole Salla front," the communique adds.

For the fourth successive day, the Russian raids have continued throughout the Gulf of Finland area.

The Russians yesterday scattered propaganda pamphlets in addition to bombs. The pamphlets, however, mostly blew out into the Gulf.

Tide Turned?

It is officially claimed that the Finns threw back the Red attack at Agajava, north of Lake Ladoga, and counter-attacked on the Isthmus over a 20 kilometre front between Lakes Kauk and Muola, where they repulsed the Russians in a heavy artillery duel.

Three military hospitals were bombed near the Karelian front, although they were clearly displaying the Red Cross.

The Finns air-bombed Terijoki, the seat of the "puppet" government and also raided behind the Russian lines and the islands in the Finnish Gulf which are occupied by Russians.

If the counter-attack on the Karelian Isthmus is confirmed, it means that the Finns have turned the tide of battle after holding the ground under tremendous pressure and heavy bombardment.

The announcement followed another Red raid on Helsinki, in which 15 bombs caused damage to buildings in the workers district. A trimotored Red bomber was shot down in flames in a suburb. The crew were cremated.

Earlier Finnish announcements relate successful counter-attacks on the east front, north of Lake Ladoga, and the north central front in the Salla sector.

Messages from the Norwegian frontier say the Russians have fallen back on the far northern front south of Petsamo, due to the bitter cold and the destruction of their shelters by the Finns.

Retreat Continues

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Russian retreat in the extreme north of Finland continues, state reports received here to-day.

The Finns are cautiously consolidating their advance. It appears that the whole Russian forces in this area began the retreat in an orderly manner, but later they retired in disordered flight, discarding their arms and equipment on the way.

They are already 20 to 30 kilometres from the positions they occupied on Wednesday, and they are evidently attempting to return to Kola on the Murmansk Railway and not to Petsamo, at which port most of the Red forces were landed.

The tactics employed by Marshal

URGES AID FOR FINNS

Rep. Sol Bloom Wants \$50,000,000 Loan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (UP).—Representative Sol Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the House of Representatives, to-day said that he favoured a loan of at least \$50,000,000 to Finland, to be made legally if possible.

He said, if necessary, Congress should authorise such a loan, but in any case it should be without restrictions regarding the use to which it should be put.

Senator Charles McNary said he was sympathetic with the idea, but he thought the loan should be used for Governmental purposes only.

Daladier Promises Aid

PARIS, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—In a speech made in the Chamber to-day, M. Daladier, the French Premier, declared:

"The resistance of Finland has already lasted longer than that of Poland." (Loud Cheers.)

"It is not enough to applaud heroism: one must help it."

"From the beginning, the League has uttered condemnations. We have carried out our entire duty in no half-hearted manner and we shall continue to do it." (Loud cheers from all parts of the Chamber.)

French Casualties

Referring to French casualties in the war on the Western Front, M. Daladier compared the position with 1914. He said that by December, 1914, France had suffered 450,000 killed and had had 10 departments invaded.

He added that the Government was opposed to premature offensives in the war and was conducting it methodically and logically.

BELGIUM ANGRY

Violations By Nazi Planes Bring Protest

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Belgian Government has again protested to Germany about the lack of respect for the country's neutrality displayed by Nazi aeroplanes.

The present occasion concerns the flagrant violation by a reconnaissance plane which flew over Belgium in order to reach the northern districts of France.

There was another example over Utrecht, where a plane came from the direction of Germany and, after a brisk exchange with Belgian patrol planes, put out a smoke screen and returned the way it had come.

Mannerheim, the Finnish C. in C., are meeting with success, it is stated.

More Finnish Successes

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—In the Salla sector, Finnish successes continue.

It is estimated that 350 Russian planes flew over Finland yesterday. Casualties hitherto reported are 16 dead and 43 wounded.

GERMAN NAVY ON "SUICIDE" EXPEDITION? NAZI GRAND FLEET PUTS OUT TO SEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 22 (UP).—IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GERMAN GRAND FLEET HAS AT LAST ACCEPTED THE MANY CHALLENGES THROWN OUT BY THE BRITISH NAVY SINCE THE START OF THE WAR, AND IS NOW STEAMING OUT TO ENGAGE THE BRITISH FLEET IN THE NORTH SEA.

Reliable semi-official quarters state that the German fleet has left Hamburg.

Half of the fleet has been directed to the Baltic, and the remainder to the North Sea, via the Kiel Canal.

The manoeuvre is regarded as significant as it is similar to that adopted by the German Grand Fleet in the last war prior to the historic Battle of Jutland.

The two fleets are expected to rejoin forces in the North Sea after one section has negotiated the straits between Sweden and Denmark and has passed through the Skagerak.

Challenges by the British navy to their Nazi foes have been made continually since the outbreak of the war.

The recent exploit of Commander Bickford in the submarine Salmon was stated to be one such challenge, and another was the remarkable achievement by the submarine Ursula, which succeeded in sinking a Nazi cruiser of the Kola class.

The German Navy, according to "Jane's Fighting Ships" consists of two battleships of 26,000 tons, the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, two "pocket battleships" of 10,000 tons, the Deutschland and Admiral Scheer. There was a third, but this, the Admiral Graf Spee, was scuttled this week by orders of Hitler after she had been driven to take refuge in a neutral port, following a losing battle with British cruisers.

Germany is reported to have two aircraft-carriers, both laid down in 1936, but no further details of these craft are known.

Her heavy cruisers number three—the Bluecher, the Nürnberg, Leipzig, damaged by H.M.S. Salmon last week, the Admiral Hipper and the Prinz Eugen. They carry eight-inch guns.

Germany is said to have six light cruisers, the Nürnberg, Leipzig, sunk by H.M.S. Salmon last week, Kurfürst, Köln and Emden, but of these the Allies claim to have sunk the Leipzig and one of the Köln class.

It is also of interest to note that the battleship Gneisenau was claimed to have been seriously damaged in the first air raid made by the R.A.F. on Wilhelmshaven.

Germany has about 30 destroyers. The British Grand Fleet is at least three times the strength of Germany's.

Deeds Of Heroism

King Makes Awards

New Year's Honours List To Be Issued

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Deeds of heroism carried out by officers and men of the Navy were acknowledged by the King in an announcement of a large number of decorations.

Awards occupy the whole supplement to the "London Gazette," which indicates that further honours, decorations and awards will be contained in the New Year's Honours.

Posthumous Decorations

Special mention was made of the gallantry of Commander Richard Frank Jolly, who, mortally wounded during the attack by German airmen, brought his ship Mohawk into port.

Jolly died five hours later and an award of the Military Medal of the Order of the British Empire is made posthumously.

Recognition is also given to the work of the officers who at the risk of their lives, have been engaged in stripping mines.

Many awards follow the successful action against submarines.

Reich Rail Disasters Claim Many Victims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 22 (UP).—At least 77 people were killed and 100 injured, 50 of them seriously to-day, in Germany's seventh serious train wreck since the outbreak of war.

The Berlin-Neunkirchen train crashed into the Berlin-Cologne train at Genthis station near Brandenburg.

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Many were killed and many more injured in another train accident in Germany.

The Berlin-Neunkirchen train crashed into the Berlin-Cologne express at a point some 50 miles south-west of Berlin, it is officially announced.

The engine and six coaches of the first train and four coaches of the second were derailed.

Both trains were packed with passengers.

Doctors, nurses and medical supplies have been rushed to the scene and an enquiry has already been opened into the cause of the disaster.

During the past five weeks, 183 people have been killed in German rail disasters and at least 237 have been injured.

The last accident was nine days ago when 17 were killed and 41 injured.

Eighth Rail Accident

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The tragic train smash early this morning between Berlin and Brandenburg is the eighth railway accident in the Reich since the beginning of November.

It is calculated that 120 persons have now been killed and 257 injured on the German railway system since the war began.

This succession of serious accidents emphasises the important part played by railway stock in the prosecution of war, particularly in the case of a belligerent dependent almost exclusively on land transport.

Even in Britain, a considerable strain is placed on the railways in war time, as witness the fact that 1,500 special trains left London for evacuation in less than 36 hours.

There is also the official statement published to-day, saying that 5,500 special trains were run on British railways for the conveyance of troops and munitions during the first three months of the war and 50,000 special trains for the conveyance of munitions for the remainder of the year.

German railways, as the accidents indicate, are in a less fortunate position, much of the track and rolling stock being in an antiquated condition. There has also been a diminution of personnel and the remaining staff, many of whom, it is reliably

reported, are working at an average of over 12 hours per day.

Further difficulties are caused by the position of goods wagons, a grave shortage of which is common knowledge in all countries bordering Germany.

Goebbels Tells His Flock Of Sheep— "EITHER WE RESIGN OR WE WIN THE WAR"

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—"Either we resign as a Great Power or we win this war," declared Dr. Goebbels addressing a political Christmas party at which Germans, repatriated Germans from the Baltic countries and evacuees from the Saar were present.

He said that the German people would never be separated from their Fuehrer and continued:

"Germany celebrates this Christmas with that profound faith which is always a prerequisite of victory."

"You've Got To Suffer"
Referring to the repatriation, Dr. Goebbels said that he knew that it was suffering for many, but hard times were hardly anybody and this is the all-important fact, in Germany who was not suffering.

LATEST

Reds Completely Disorganised

SVANAK, Dec. 22 (UP).—It is impossible to estimate the Russian losses in the Arctic front as a result of their rout this week.

That they have been heavy is undeniable, but observers on the Norwegian border believe that the majority were undoubtedly caused by the bitter sub-zero weather and not by open battle.

The Russians lacked sufficient food and ammunition and were completely cut off from their rear, the antiquated Russian system of conveying supplies completely breaking down.

They found it impossible to operate their mechanised units in the bitter cold, the tanks and trucks, being snowed in or frozen before their engines could even be started.

So complete has been the Russian withdrawal from the Norwegian border area that watchers on the Norwegian side are completely mystified.

The border has now become a No Man's Land. The Finns, fearing a trap, are only sending out patrols and are making no attempt to re-occupy the area.

Although the Finns are fighting in their natural element, the cold has been so intense this week that even they are suffering.

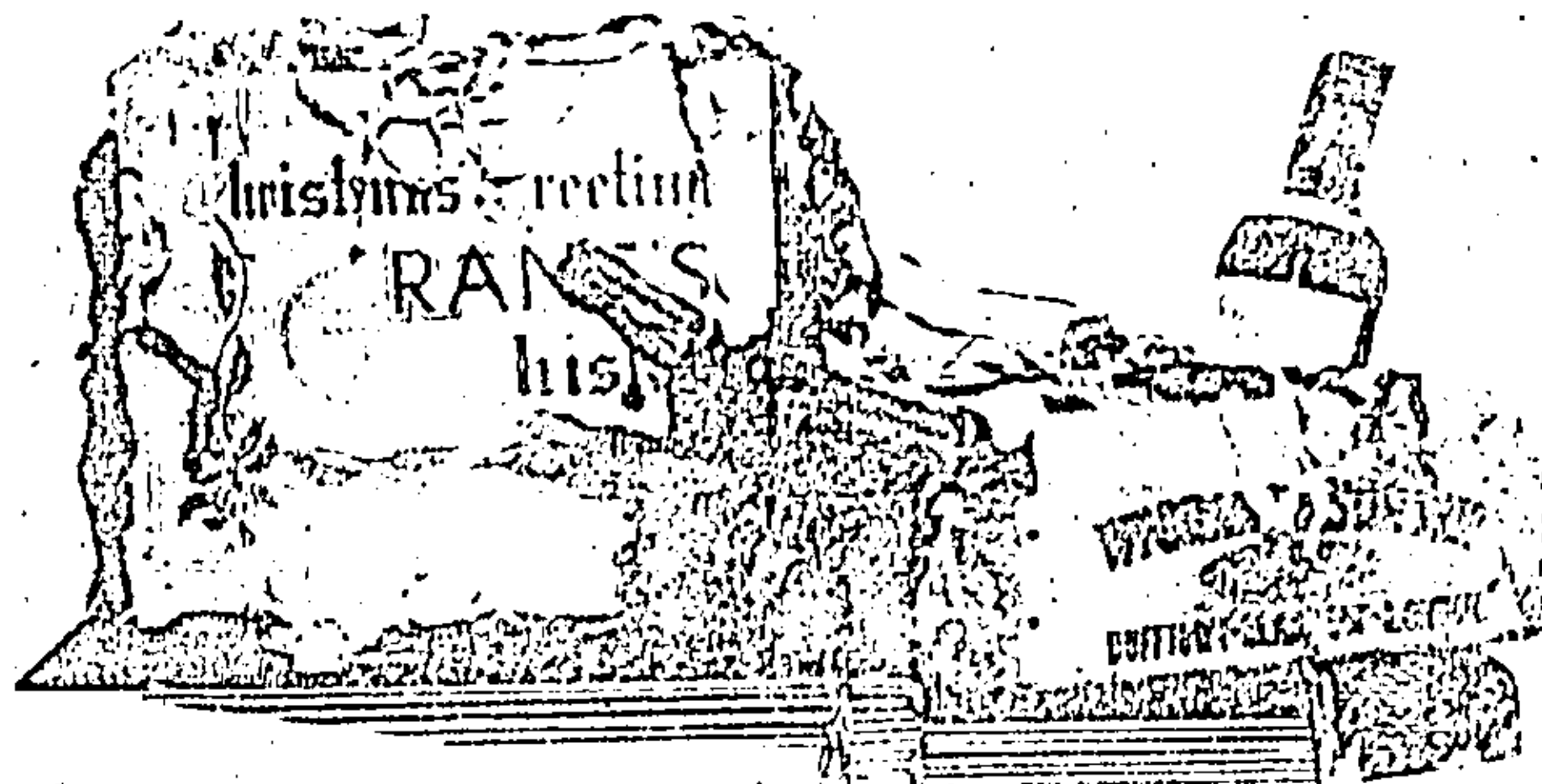
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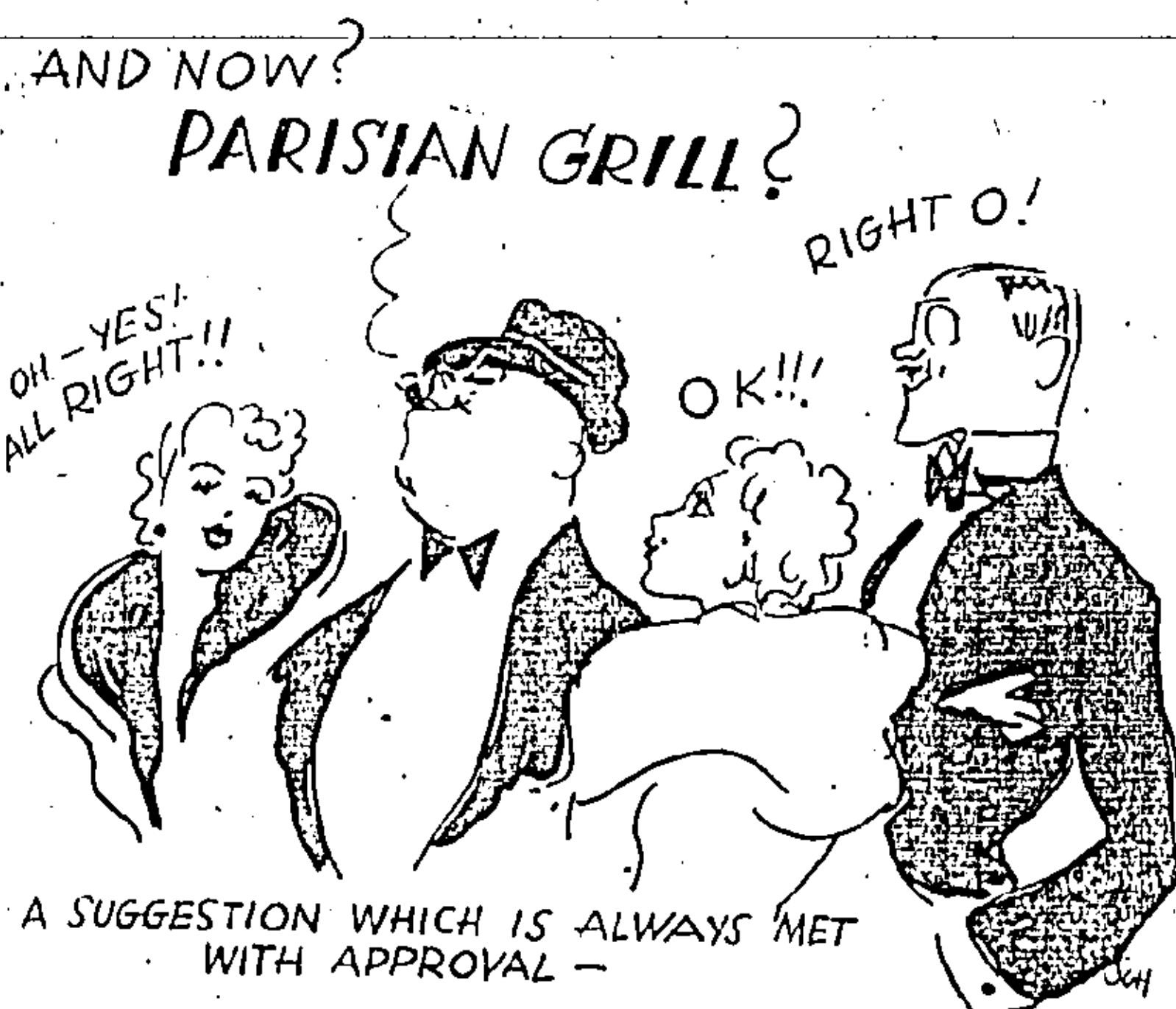
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12.30 George Scott Wood with His
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1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.

1.03 Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
"Helen" (Offenbach-arr. Kornfeld).
Have You Forgotten? (Suesse). Je-
mine (Mayerl). Sweet Nothings (Rei-
tenberg).

1.15 Vocal Items by The Mills
Brothers. Jungle Fever, Sleepy Head,
Tiger Rag, Some of These Days, Caravan
(Ellington).

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 A Military Band Concert with
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

2.15 Class Dance.

6.00 Concert by Erem Zimbalist
(Violin) and Wilhelm Backhaus
(Piano). Carmen, Fantasy (Bizet-
arr. Surasate), Erem Zimbalist, Mil-
lary March in E Flat (Schubert, arr.
Backhaus), Triana ("Iberia"—Al-
beniz), Wilhelm Backhaus, The
Zepher (Husay, Op. 39, No. 5). After
Sunshine (Scott). Erem Zimbalist,
Waltz in D Flat, Op. 64, No. 1 (Chop-
in), Etude in C Major, Op. 10, No.
7 (Chopin). Waldesrauschen (Liszt),
Wilhelm Backhaus.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 Puccini's "La Tosca" Act I.
Singers in order of appearance:
Piero Pauli (Tenor); Giovanni Azzi-
monti (Bass); Antonio Gelli (Bari-
tone); Carmen Melis (Soprano);
Apollo Granforte (Baritone) and
Nello Palai (Tenor), with Chorus and
Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, con-
ducted by Carlo Sabajno.

7.19 Orchestral Selection. Over-
ture "L'italiana in Algeri" (Rossini).
Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra
of New York conducted by Arturo
Toscanini.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Request Variety and Dance
Programme. Fox-Trot—Don't Let
That Moon Get Away (from "Sing
you sinners"), Billy Cotton and His
Band, Vocal—Moonlight and Shad-
dows (film "Jungle Princess"); Thanks
for the Memory (film "Big Broad-
cast"), Dorothy Lamour with Orches-
tra, Waltz—The Umbrella Man (from
"These foolish things"), Billy Cotton
and His Band, Fox-Trot—Music,
Maestro, Please (from "These foolish
things"), Benny Jacques and His
Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Vocal
and Piano—My S. C. S. For You
(film "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"),
Dirty Face (Hiller and Others),
Turner Layton, Orchestra—Water-
melon Fete (Thurman), Down South
(Myddleton, arr. Tabbus), Jack
Hilton and His Orchestra, with Vocal
Refrain by Sam Browne; Vocal Duet
—Another One Gone (Dorothy
Nicholls), Maybe I'm Wrong Again
(Trent and Bennett), Norah Blaney
and Gwen Farrar, Waltz—A Beauti-
ful Lady in Blue, Fox-Trot—Moon
for Sale, Roy Fox and His Orchestra,
New Novelty Dance—Booms-A-
Daisy, Victor Silverster and His Ball-
room Orchestra.

8.45 London Relay—"The Time
Has Come" A Thriller.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.25 Local Sport Results.

9.27 More Request Variety and
Dance Items. Fox-Trot—Press-Chat,
Artie Shaw and His Orchestra, Vocal

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Orchestra, Vocal—Rock and Roll
(Clare-Whitting), Don't Let You Love
Go Wrong (Whitting and Others), The
Boswell Sisters, Rumba—When
Bomba Plays A Rumba, Harry Roy
and His Orchestra, Vocal—Just Let
Me Look At (from "Joy of Living"),
Sing A Song of Harvest (from "Kon-
tucky Moonshine"), Kenny Baker
with Orchestra, Fox-Trot—Georgia's
Gotta Moon, Rhythm in the Alpha-
bet, The Six Swingers directed by
George Scott Wood, Singers On
Parade—I'm gonna look my heart,
Sam Costa, Helen Clare—I'm sorry
I said I love you, Paula Green—You
couldn't be better, George Barclay—
The sweetest song in the world, Pat
Hyde—A-tisket, A-tasket, Al Bowley
—Little lady make believe, Marjorie
Steedford—Love walked in, Jack
Plant—Time and time again, Dinah
Miller—It's d'lovely, Dan Donovan—
The Red Maple Leaves, Alice Mann—
Says my heart, Jack Cooper—Music,
maestro, please, Fox-Trot—Ten
Little Miles from Town, Home at
Sunshine, The Organ, The Dance
Band and Me, Vocal—Wee Willie
Winkle (Robertson), Boyd Steven
Winkle (Robertson), Boyd Steven
(Soprano) with Piano, Orchestra—
The Dinky Scramble (from "Fire-
fly"), The Lambeth Walk (from Mc
and My Girl"), Barnabas Von Geeszy
and His Orchestra, Slow Fox-Trot—
To Mother With Love, Little Gypsy
Of The Seven Seas, The Organ, The
Dance Band and Me, Vocal (Taylor-
Fisher), Looking For You (Taylor-
Fisher), Albert Sandler (Violin)
and Olive Groves (Soprano) with
Jean Melville at the Piano, Quick-
steps—The Snoop, So You Left Me
For The Leader of A Swing Band,
The Six Swingers directed by George
Scott Wood, Fox-Trot—Chico, Jam
Session, Benny Goodman and His
Orchestra, Rumba—Antigua, Joe
Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drum-
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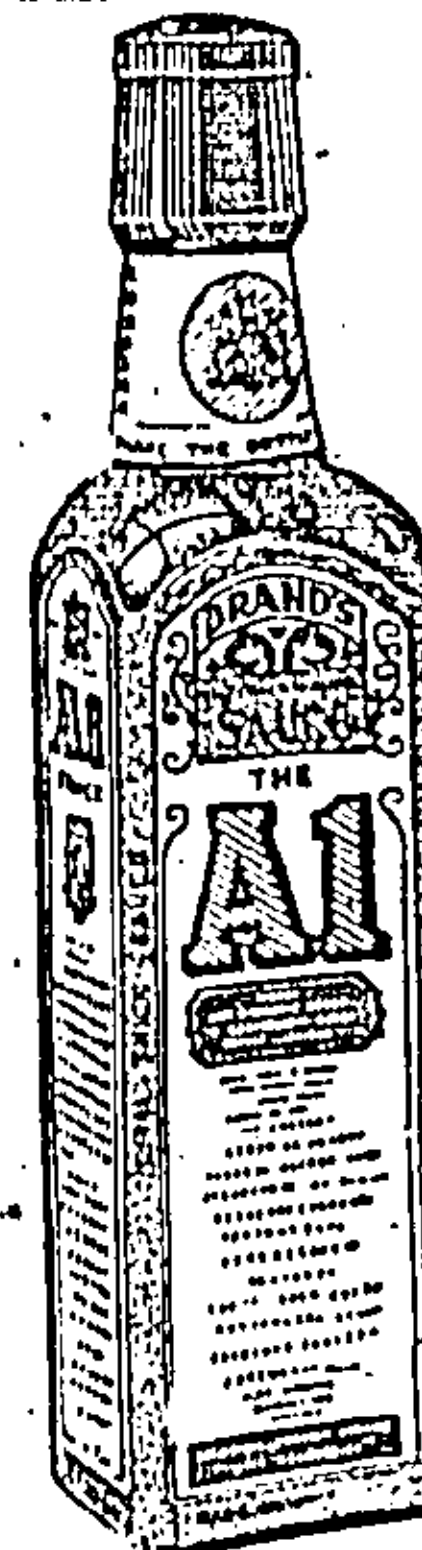
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"For me," he declared, "killing is utterly wrong and futile, and so I have refused to do it."

If a film came along which was not obviously propaganda he would like to be available to take part in it.

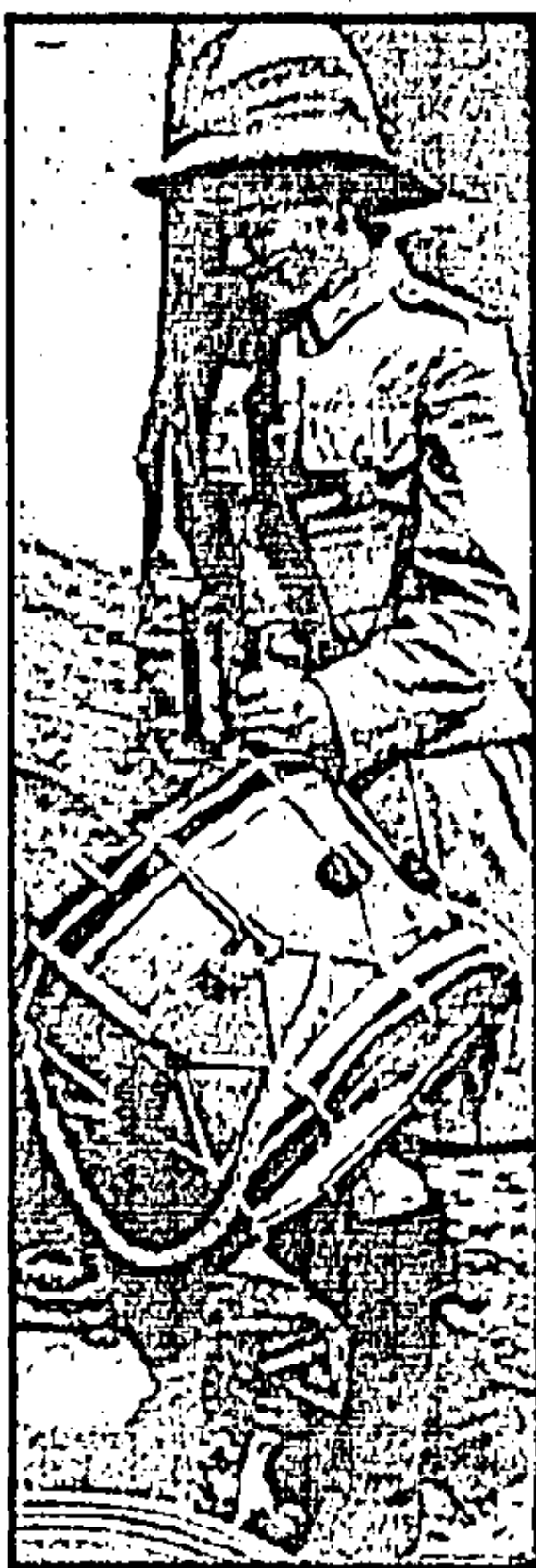
Sir Reginald Kennedy-Cox, a member of the tribunal, asked, "If you were offered an engagement to entertain the troops professionally, would your conscience allow you to do so?"

"I think that would be helping really actively in the job," Tester replied. "Would you entertain in hospital?—That would be a humanitarian service, but they would be going back from hospital to fight again."

Sir Reginald: The answer is "No."

Tester: The answer is "No."

Tester appeared as the drummer boy of a Highland regiment in the film "The Drum." He also played Billy Brown in "An Englishman's Home"—the film version of the play which did much to popularise the Territorial Army before the Great War.



SHE'LL BE IN B.E.F. SHOW

"SEE you in France, boys," said Gracie Fields as soldiers cheered her off at Charing Cross station

She is on her way back to Capri, by doctor's orders, but is breaking her journey in France to appear next Tuesday at the first concert for the British troops there.

"I'll sing to the boys as long as my legs stand up and my voice holds out," she said to the "Daily Herald."

"It depends on my health how long I stay in France before going on to Capri."

"I couldn't make up my mind how I would go. Yesterday I was going to fly. We didn't fix this train until two hours ago."

Spotted

Gracie almost escaped from London unmolested.

She arrived at the station with her maid and sat quietly in her compartment. One of a party of troops spotted her a moment before the train left. That meant a rush of autographing.

Sir Seymour Hicks, Claire Luce and Dennis Noble will be among the cast of ten providing a supporting programme for next Tuesday's concert.

MY WAR AIM

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HERE is the war aim put forward at a meeting in London by Sir Neville Henderson, until recently British Ambassador in Berlin.

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Her Special Wish

"Gracie telephoned us that she wanted to take part in a concert for the troops in France before she left for Capri," said Mr. Dean, "and this first concert party was arranged."

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The first cinema equipment for the troops left England yesterday.

At home the first garrison theatre will be opened on Salisbury Plain at the end of this month.

It is hoped that additional theatres will be opened in converted buildings at the rate of one a week. The War Office is building a large number of entertainment halls.

RAILWAY MISHAP

Berlin, Dec. 22.
Another German railway disaster occurred 50 miles south-west of Berlin.

The Berlin-Hamburg express ran into another train and the disaster cost 70 lives.

This is one of the most serious railway accidents during the past three months, and the total deaths during that time amount now to 183.—Reuter Bulletin.



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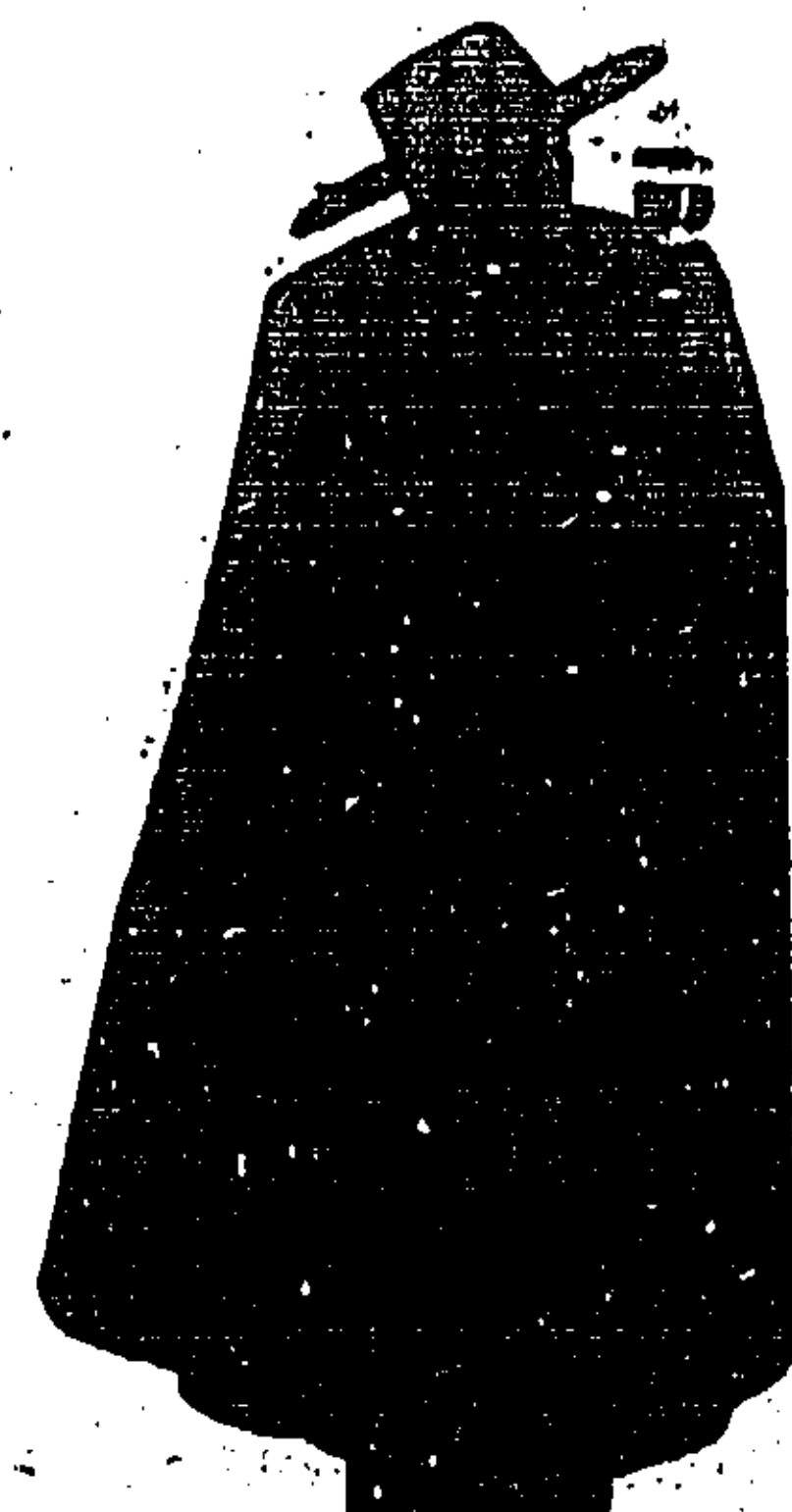
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- E11397—Myself When Young (Lehmann) Oscar Natke. Bass.
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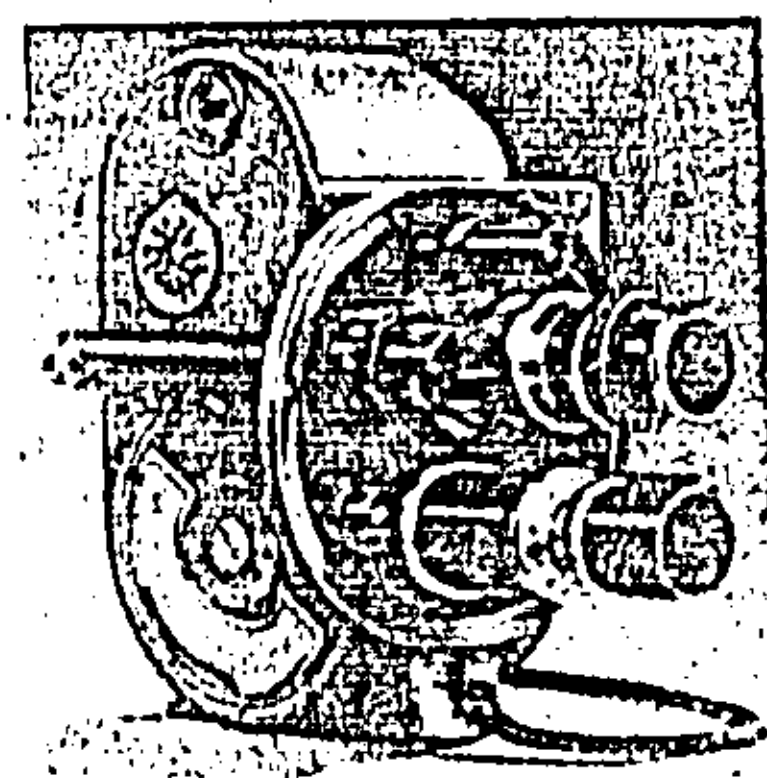
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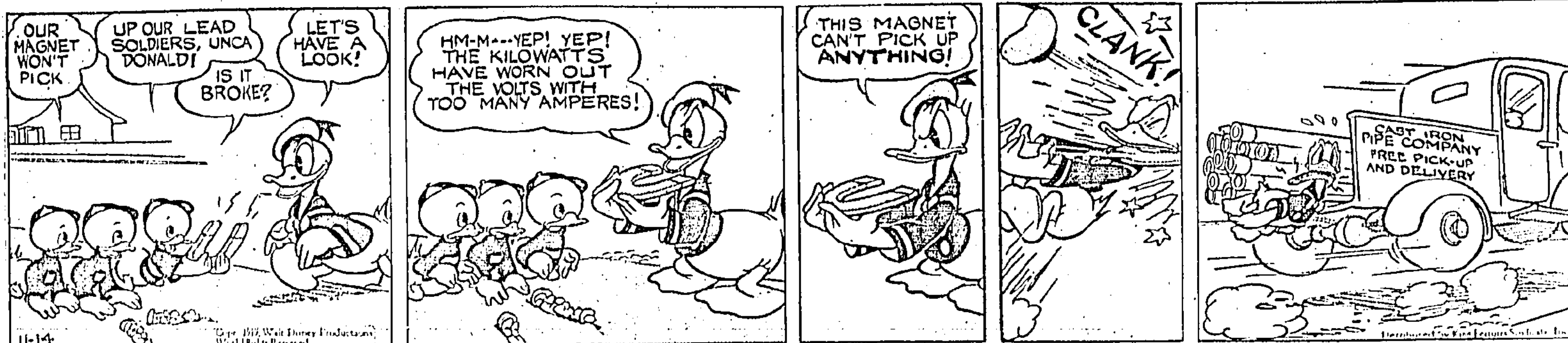
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Business done during the week:

H.K. Bank \$1,345, \$1,350, \$1,340
Bank of East Asia \$78
Union Insurance \$412½
Wharves \$102
Docks \$10¼, \$10.45, \$10½, \$10.60, \$10¼
Providents \$4.60, \$4¼
Hotels \$4.00, \$5.05, \$5
Humphreys \$8
Realities \$4.40
Tramways \$17¼, \$17.20, \$17, \$16.90
Yau-mai Ferries \$21
China Lights (Old) \$9¼, \$8.20
Electricity \$53, \$53¼, \$53
Telephones (Old) \$24½
Telephones (New) \$8½

Cements \$10¾, \$10¼
Ropes \$8
Watsons \$8.85
Entertainments \$8¼
Constructions (Old) \$13¼
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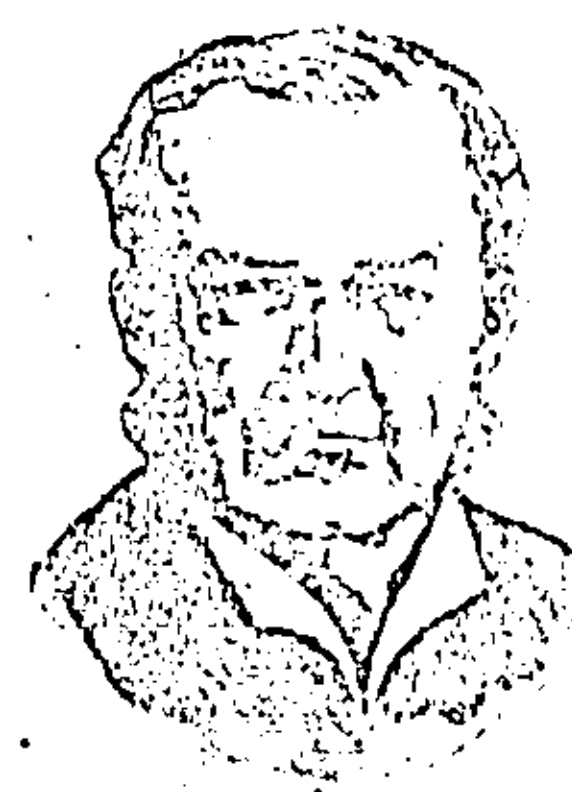
H.K. Bank \$1,350
Canton Insurance \$200
Union Insurance \$410
Providents \$4¼
Tramways \$16.80
Star Ferries \$66½
Yau-mai Ferries \$23¼
Cements \$16¼
Dairy Farms (New) \$20¼
Entertainments \$6.60
Constructions (Old) \$13¼

Sellers

Providents \$4.60
Telephones (Old) \$25
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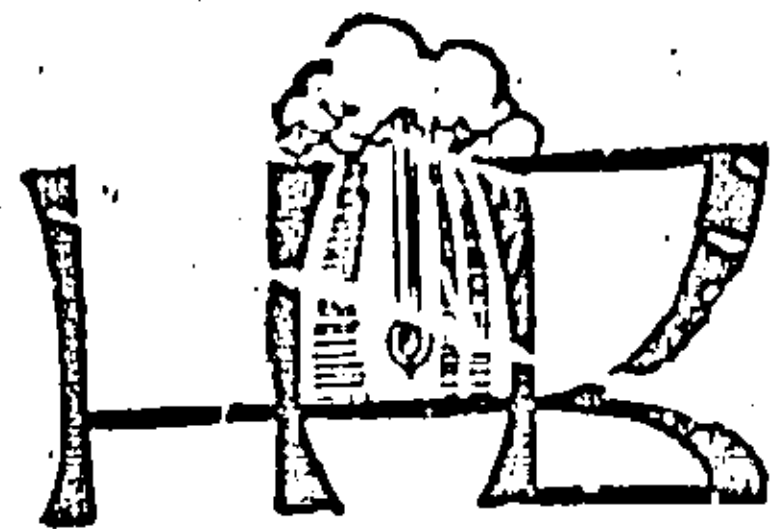
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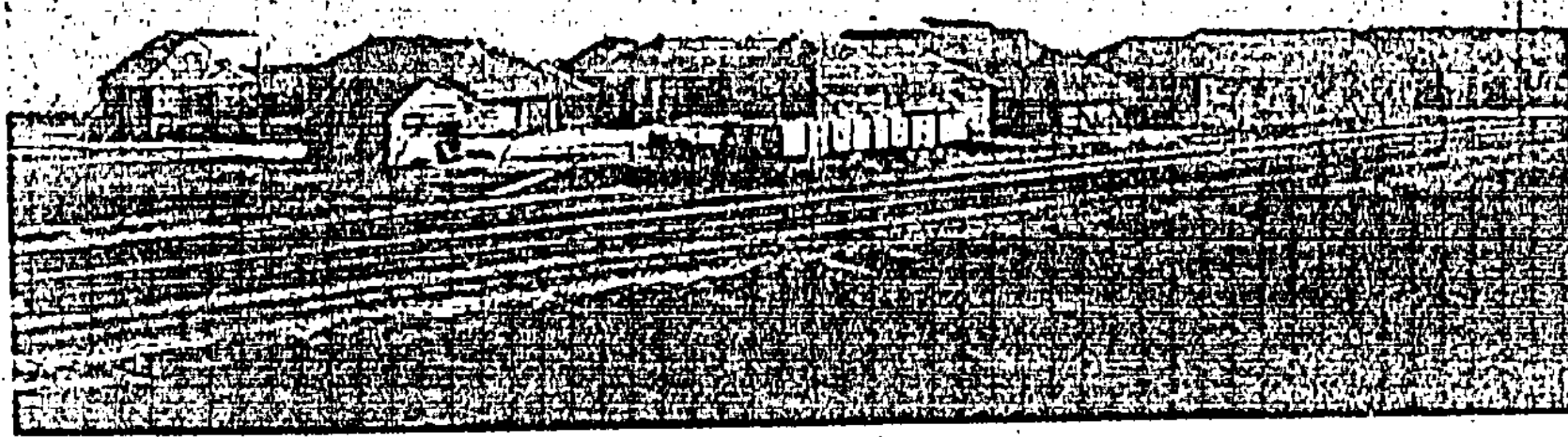
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THIS PICTURE is of especial interest at this time when Nazis are being interned in the La Salle College. The picture shows the Hongkong internment camp during the last war. The site was Chatham Road, and it was in use from 1915 to 1919.

GERMANY HAS BLACKED OUT SMILES, TOO

(By a neutral European journalist who has just completed a journey through Germany)

I STILL feel depressed even now that I am back in my neutral home in one of the countries bordering Germany.

I had no difficulty in obtaining a visa, and entered Germany at a local railway station near the frontier.

My train was dimly lit with dark blue bulbs which did not give sufficient light for reading.

At Freiburg, the first station immediately behind the Siegfried Line, the train was invaded by hundreds of men in full fighting kit.

Uncasy Sensation

From here onwards until we arrived at Frankfurt (almost two hours late) the train stopped at numerous stations and at each more troops came in. A glance into the corridor showed that every inch of space was occupied.

I was told that more trains were following, and throughout the journey I noticed that the troops trains going in the opposite direction—carrying men from East to West, were just as numerous.

I alighted at Frankfurt in pitch darkness and went to an hotel that was practically empty.

Again I had the sensation of being in a place where the civilian, and even more so the foreigner, is an intruder. This cheerless, uneasy sensation was to weigh on me all the time I spent in the country.

I was to learn that even the Germans feel it, and only the active Nazis seem immune from its depressing effect on the mind.

What struck me here, as everywhere else, was the complete absence of mirth. Nobody smiles. The Germans have forgotten how to smile; their faces look stern and worried.

Australian Prisoners Decline

SYDNEY, (UP).—The construction of Long Bay jail, Australia's largest and most modern penal institution, is an architectural success but it remains 81 per cent empty. Men and women prisoners in Australia have shown a steady decline for the past 50 years.

Flown From France To Dying Wife

A young aircraftman, John Hughes, of Trealeaw, near Pontypridd, Glamorgan, was sent home from France in a special plane by the R.A.F. authorities in an effort to enable him to be at the bedside of his dying wife.

When Mrs. Hughes, of Trealeaw, was taken dangerously ill, her relatives were anxious that her husband should be at her side. The Society of Friends at Trealeaw learned of the R.A.F. Record Office in England.

Soon afterwards Aircraftman Hughes was summoned by his commanding officer in France and given leave to go home. He was taken as a passenger in a special plane and in 36 hours arrived at Trealeaw, but only to learn that his wife had died a short time before.



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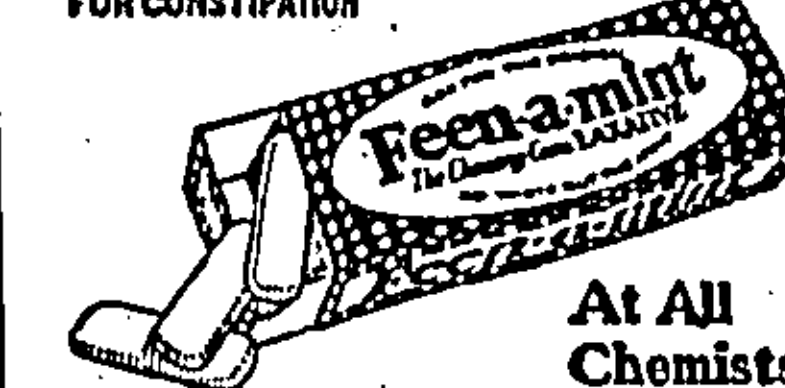
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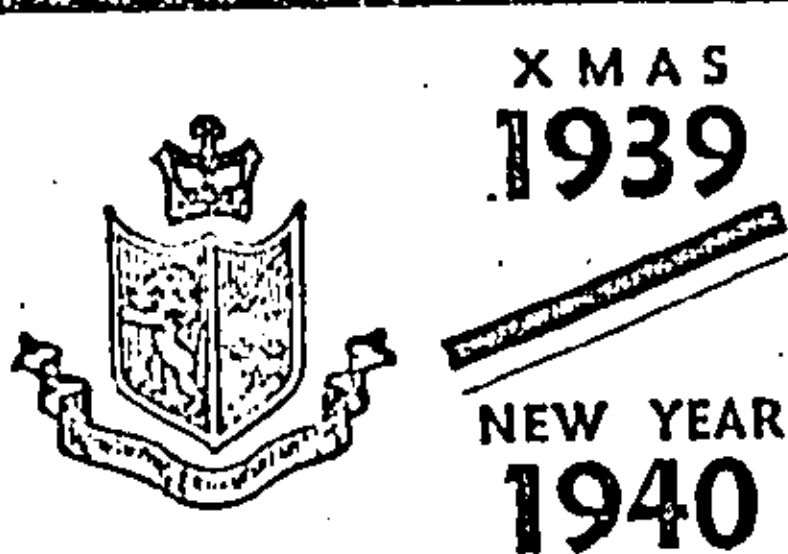
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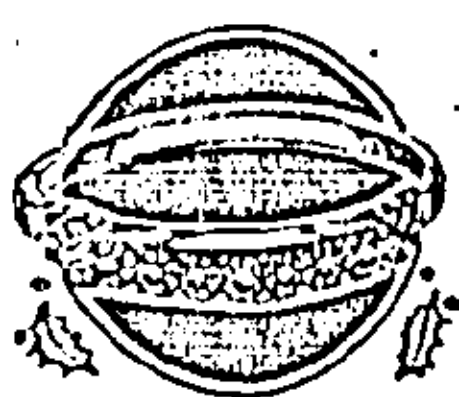
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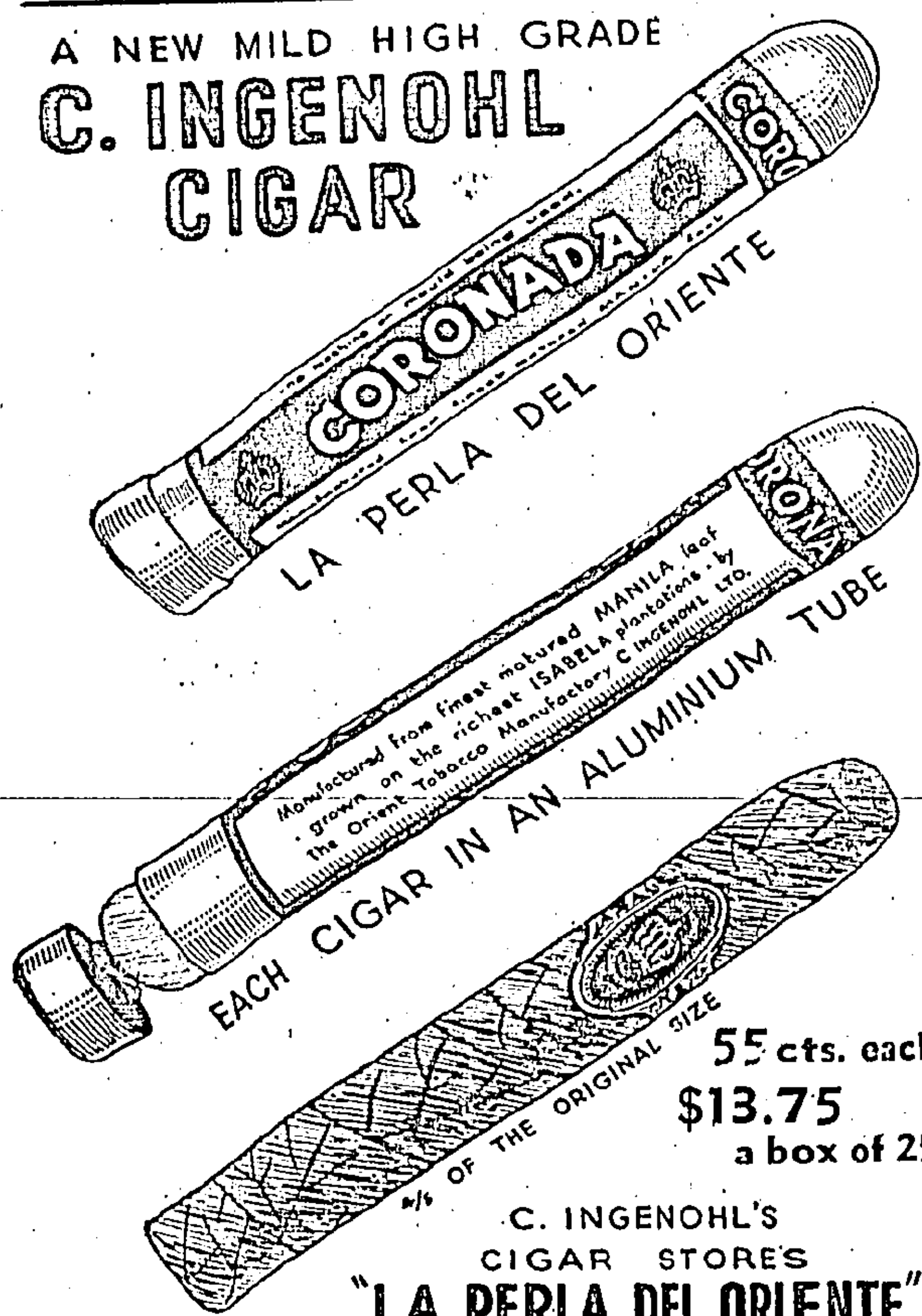


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TWO-PERSONALITY DOCTOR GUILTY OF MURDER

DR. F. H. BRISBY, MEDICAL OFFICER AT LEEDS PRISON, SAID AT NOTTINGHAM ASSIZES RECENTLY THAT HE HAD HEARD OF CASES WHEN A MAN MARRIED — THEN COMPLETELY FORGOT HIS WIFE.

It was suggested that this had happened when the men had married in a different personality. Their wives were complete strangers when they recovered their own personality.

Dr. Brisby agreed that such cases had happened.

He was giving evidence at the hearing of a charge of wife murder against Dr. Leonard Phipps Lockhart, aged 41, of Beeston, Nottingham.

Dr. Lockhart was found guilty but insane and ordered to be detained as a criminal lunatic. For his defence, it was suggested that it was not Dr. Lockhart's but a second personality that was responsible for the act.

Dr. Lockhart and his wife, Mary Frances Lassell Lockhart, were found near a gas fire in their study the day before the war started. He was unconscious and she was dead.

NO JUDGMENT

Dr. Brisby formed the opinion that prolonged mental stress, acting on an unstable mentality had resulted in the doctor's mind being definitely unbalanced on the night of the tragedy.

Mr. Justice Singleton: Would this man that might know the nature and the quality of the act he was doing?—He may.

Would he know whether an act was right or wrong?—No.

Dr. Brisby, replying to Sergeant Sullivan, said that dissociation was the cutting off of the association of the higher mental faculties from the lower executive of the brain. The communicating threads were severed.

SUICIDE QUESTION

Dr. E. F. Norris, medical officer at Lincoln Prison, agreed that on the night of the tragedy Dr. Lockhart was a dissociated personality and that he would not be able to exercise judgment on right or wrong.

Addressing the jury, Sergeant Sullivan said that it had been suggested by the prosecution that it may have been a suicide pact. Surely the essential feature of such a pact would be that the pair agreed to die side by side at the same time. But that didn't happen in this case.

Assuming the jury found that Dr. Lockhart caused the death of his wife, was it truly the operation of the doctor, who had now recovered his own personality, or was it an automatic operation?

BOMB TERROR

"I suggest, apart from being not responsible, that the true view on the medical testimony is that it was not his personality that was acting at all; it was a second personality of a nature that would do this act," said Sergeant Sullivan.

Mr. P. E. Sandlands, K.C., for the prosecution, suggested that Eippan was administered to Mrs. Lockhart as a humane and kindly way of preventing her living by a man who trembled with terror at the thought of the mutilation of his wife by destructive enemy missiles.

The jury returned their verdict after 20 minutes.

After it was announced, the doctor said: "Thank you, my lord, for a most patient hearing."

Hitler Lost Presents

REIKICHI KITA, a Japanese M.P., has returned from Berlin to Tokyo without presenting gifts on behalf of a society for promoting friendship with the Axis Powers. He refused to hand them over when he heard of the Soviet-German pact.

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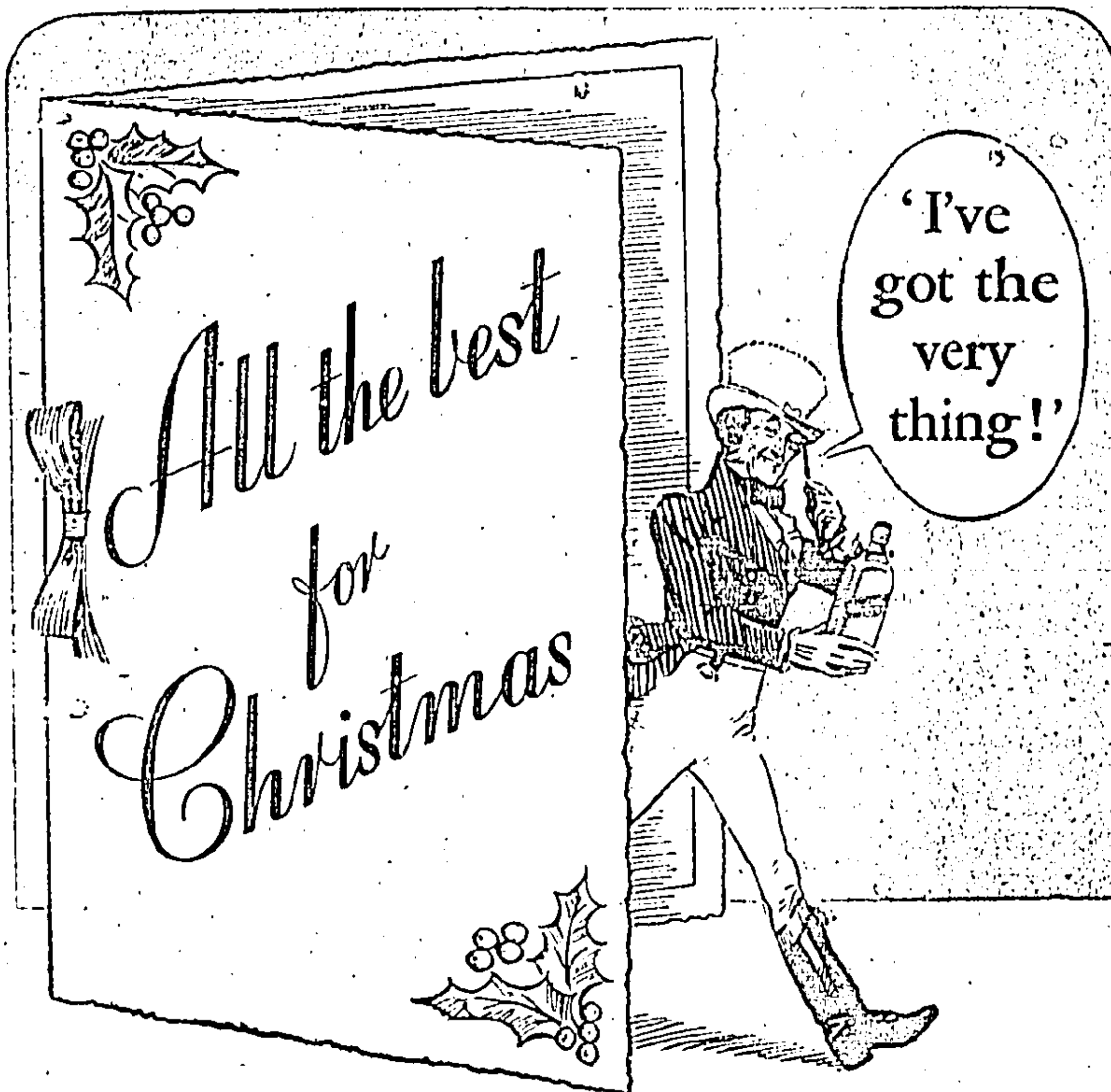
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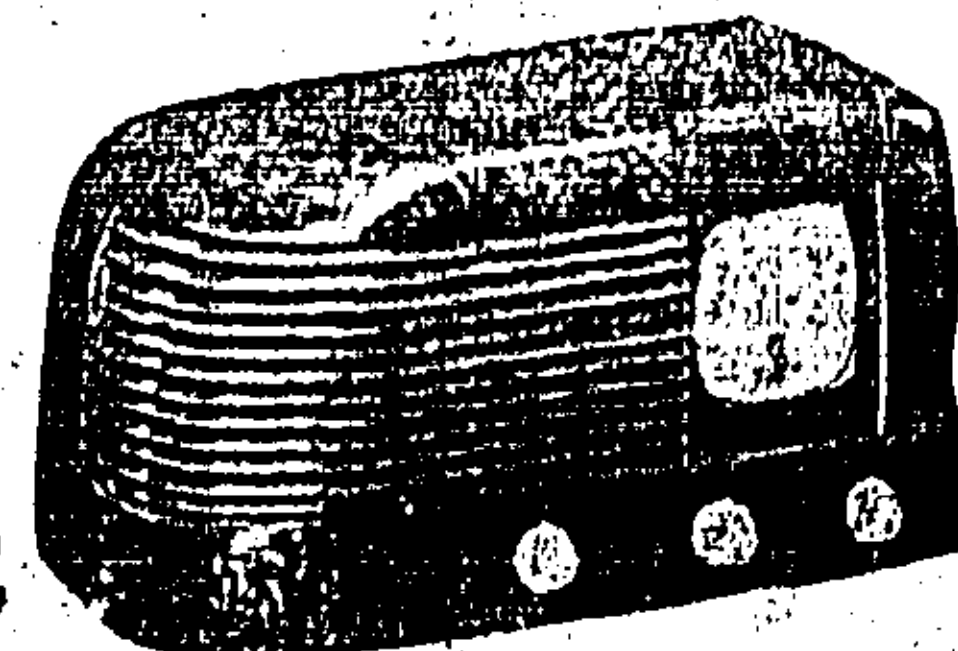
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DEATH

WONG—At her Residence, 16 Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, Mrs. James N. Wong (Winnie) early this morning at the age of 50 years the Coroner will start from the Residence at 3 p.m. to-morrow for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Kowloon.

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Christmas Night

It is not merely because men forget the meaning of Christmas night that they obscure it and overlay it with pomp and ceremonies. It is because human hearts have not opened to take in the greatness of it.

Of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we know little. We know that she must have had a concept of God which transcended that of her contemporaries; and we know that she was akin to her cousin Elizabeth, could confide in her, and tell her something of her great vision of the fatherhood of God, tell her of the Saviour that was coming to bless and save the world.

But of nearly all else in regard to Mary we are ignorant. We see, for a moment, flashed across the page of history, the gem-like story; we see the mother raising the babe in her arms to show the wondering shepherds; and then we see her fade into silence and into obscurity, emerging only a few times into the blazing radiance surrounding her son.

Yet it is this trembling picture that holds our imaginations at Christmas-time. However little men may understand of the happenings on that Christmas night, they feel that here is something greater than themselves. Their hearts begin to melt a little in compassion for suffering; they forget, even if only for a moment, their selfishness, their persecution of others, their hardness; they get a glimpse of some holy world into which they have stumblingly strayed.

There in that dark stable, with the gentle animals shifting quietly in their rude stalls amongst the straw, the mother's



In France—Oysters.

IT ISN'T TURKEY EVERYWHERE

MAY I whisk you round Europe to be an imaginary guest at the Christmas tables of a dozen different nations?

We shall have to start early, for the traditional feast in France begins after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, that is to say, at 1 o'clock on Christmas morning.

Frenchmen usually begin their meal with oysters and pate de foie gras, following up with the tasty boudins blancs, a white sausage made of bread-crumbs and chicken.

Some families may continue with a turkey stuffed with truffles and chestnuts, while almonds, raisins, and a buche de Noel, a Christmas cake in the form of a Yule log, made of iced sponge cake and cream, are the customary sweet and dessert. Champagne is usually drunk throughout the meal, and with dawn-breaking the party finishes with crackers and caps.

Over the frontier in Belgium, where the main meal also begins in the early hours of Christmas Day, turkey and the sponge cake Yule log are essential at every feast. Belgium, on the whole, prefer to dine in hotels and restaurants on Christmas Eve, thus saving their servants.

Few of the townsfolk go to bed on Christmas Eve, so Christmas Day has become a day of quiet sleep, and happy reminiscence. In country districts Christmas Eve dinners end shortly before 8 a.m. to enable the farmers to attend early morning Mass. Their meal ends with a final dish of steaming hot black pudding.

GERMANY

In Germany, feasting begins at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve, when families sit down in the light of Christmas-tree candles to boiled carp and horseradish sauce.

vision of God as the Father of man was translated into terms computable by mankind.

What is our lesson to-day? Is it that only in gentleness and in affection can we reach the peace of that night? "On earth peace," sang the angels; and on earth peace came, as it comes to-day, to any who will receive it. The road to peace is not easy. Even Mary, travelling the long, rough road from Nazareth to Bethlehem, could not have found it easy; but her vision sustained her. We can see the light of that journey and follow it.

Quick trip round Europe to see what they're going to eat....

Every German hausfrau takes pride in visiting the fishmonger herself and selecting the family carp from a brimming fresh-water tank. And don't forget to compliment her on her choice, or the manner of her cooking—the best method, of course, is to boil the carp in beer.

For dessert, a long fruit cake, or Stollen, will appear, supposed to represent the manger in which the Christ Child lay.

On Christmas Day goose stuffed with whole apples takes the place of turkey.

DENMARK

To the north, in Denmark, Christmas dinner may appear plain to us, but no Dane would dream of departing from the traditional menu. He begins with rice soup, cooked with milk, proceeds with herring, and finishes with apple-pie.

Up in Norway turkey and goose yield pride of place to a succulent roast of pork, accompanied by home-made sausages, and pickled herring. The Christmas dinner consists of porridge made from rice, and cod fish, are also to be found on the table.

SWEDEN

PORK in some form, whether it be a round roe ham, a side of bacon, or a pile of pig's trotters, is the traditional Christmas-time fare in Sweden. A sunny pig's head, with a red apple in its open mouth and a coloured paper in its ears, is the centre-piece in all restaurant displays.

Although a turkey or goose appears on the table for Christmas Day dinner, guests cluster round the Julbord, the largest table in the house, on which is displayed a multitude of delicacies of the nature of hors d'oeuvre. The Julbord remains constantly replenished until New Year's day.

In Sweden, too, rice porridge makes its appearance now.

Both in Norway and Sweden draughts of Aquavit, a strong corn spirit which brings tears to the eyes of the unaccustomed, accompany the feast.

RUSSIA

ACROSS the Baltic in Russia a goose stuffed with chestnuts was the principal Christmas dish for the richer families. This was preceded by a clear soup with which was served a "prog," a long pie half-filled with cabbage and meat.

Child is born, and the Child lives on even when life seems a losing battle.

He is born on beds of sickness; He is held, a comforting burden, in the arms of those who face death in its cruellest guise (deep as this mystery is, I have seen it), and His eyes look up at us through theirs, hushing our grief to wonder.

It is a fevered world into which He comes. Heralded seeking His life, and the crowds He loved cold-shoulder Him. There is no room for Him at their Christmas feasts; they are even a little aggrieved that His birthday should fall on a day we once called His own and kept with a semblance of quietness.

That glorious song of old, we sing, came on the midnight clear. But our midnight skies are bright with neon, and to-night the dance bands will "swing" the music of Christmas. Instead of angels bending near, we may catch the beat of wings for which the fingers of searchlights will grope.

Cannot we come away from it all for a while? Come away from the glare and the blare of it, and let us find a Bethlehem.

We shall not have far to go, no farther, perhaps, than a quiet room where we can sit in the firelight with memory, and forget the throb, and the ache, and the loneliness, for joy that a Child is born.

By **Hugh Redwood**

LET'S PRETEND A Christmas Sketch

"LET'S pretend," the biggest girl said. It was a game, one could see, and I drew back a little from the lighted shop window, bright with Christmas decorations, to see how the game would go. A mixed group of bairns huddled about what must have seemed a scene from Paradise, for here every kind of toy troited them, the pitiful watchers in the cold and rain without.

The radiance from within shone on wistful, eager faces; for "idleness" still shadowed the old town, and where there was little money for food, there was certainly less for toys and luxuries.

"I'm for them," the big girl—not so very big either, though evidently the self-appointed leader—said with decision. She pointed at a doll, a veritable princess of a doll which, seated on a miniature chair held the reins of honour in the lighted window.

"No, you can't have it, Maggie. Arr! for I don't like it. You can have that one there in the blue. It's just as bonnie, every bit, though maybe no so big."

"I'm for the chiny tea-set then," Maggie Arrol cried breathlessly. As well as the blue doll, I'm certain. And we said, she's wantin' the pram, an' I'll take her my doll to put in it. Hurry up, Jennie. It's your turn now. We've got a' the other windows to see yet when we've finished this one."

"I'm for the box o' doll's furniture," said Jennie, also with outstretched finger. And then I saw with certainty that what was just then in progress was the game of "Let's pretend," dear to young hearts the world over.

Possessing nothing, they yet in fancy possessed all things, those children of the slums, looking in with wistful eyes on the toys, dross and desired, which could never be for them. It was their taste of Christmas happiness, to choose each what he or she desired, and then leaving the lighted windows behind them to go back to those poverty-stricken homes, which even in what was now known as the slum-clearance were, with rent increase, poverty-stricken indeed.

"I'm for the Teddy," Carly-head's eager eyes hardly reached the level of the window-sill, while an even lesser brother voted for the "bellatunk," gay with trappings of crimson and gold.

"An' here's wee Katie, an' Katie hasn't had no choice," said Jennie, and Katie, auburn-haired, blue-eyed, adorable, was pushed to the front while things were explained to her.

"You chins what you like in the window, Katie—no, you'll no be fur gettin' it. You're just in pretend. Then we dolly in the cradle, then's a bonnie Christmas present fur you. Then when we've all gotten our choice, we'll start again till we've chinted everything, and then we'll go along to the other windows. My, but it's grand. I wish I was these fine frocks girls! In'll the shop to buy just what they want!"

"I've not had a chance. I'm wantin' that swing w' the monkey sittin' in it!" shouted a newcomer. "No, I ken I canna ha' bath; but wee Peter here, he'll tak' the monkey."

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Ralph Izzard

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Brilliant Naval Wedding In Hongkong



Colonel A. G. Neville, who gave Miss Rice away at her wedding to Lieut.-Commander John Mowlam, holds the bride's flowers, while a friend assists her with her veil before entering St. John's Cathedral for the marriage ceremony.—*Mee Cheung.*



THIS group photograph was taken at the party to celebrate the birthday of James Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rankin of Stanley Barracks.—*Ming Yuen.*



Irene Artjuh and Geff Arnold, two popular Hongkong artistes, proved a big attraction in the cabaret turns at the recent C.B.A. dance.

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Lieut.-Commander John Mowlam and Miss Gwenllian Frances Elizabeth Rice photographed after their wedding last week at St. John's Cathedral. The wedding attracted considerable interest in Hongkong naval and army circles.—*Mee Cheung.*



CHRISTENING of the infant son (Anthony James) of Mr. and Mrs. Vosper, took place at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, and this group photograph was taken after the ceremony.—*Ming Yuen.*

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PARTY PAGE

A MERRY Christmas to you all! Have you all got your pencils and paper ready? Let's start off with a few puzzles.

A man has to paint numbers on the front doors of a street of 100 houses numbering 1 to 100. How many times did he paint the figure 9?

ANSWER: Twenty; not 10, as I thought. I jumped in my calculation from 89 to 99, forgetting 90, 91, 92, 93, etc.

I was rather baffled by this one. Three fathers and three sons go into a bar. Each buys a round of drinks. How many drinks altogether do they buy?

ANSWER: Sixteen drinks. They were son, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

MAYBE after that you will like a change. What's it to be? Anagrams? All right. Try this.

- (1) A Famous Film. (Two Words.) AIRNETOAMNITTEE
- (2) A Pantomime. (Four Words.) DWITSEHNIAOERO
- (3) A Christmas Treat. (One Word.) SIRKACFC
- (4) A European Capital. (One Word.) GHIREUNHI

ANSWERS: (1) Marie Antoinette; (2) Rules in the Wood; (3) Crackers; (4) Edinburgh.

SO much for puzzles. Mean-time, let's have a game. Here's one I played at a party the other week. It may not be new to some of you, but it was a fresh one to me—and gave us a lot of fun.

Like most party games, it wants a spokesman or referee, who, in this case, acts as a travel agent. He must explain to the party that they have to imagine they are about to set off on a long trip or cruise on which each person may take only two articles.

He asks each guest in turn to say what two things he or she would choose. The guest must reply: "I'm going on a cruise, and I'm taking with me — and —"

If the player answers correctly, the referee says, "You can go." The game goes on until each member of the party has chosen correctly, and has been given the O.K. to travel.

"If I were at the party my choice would be 'a duster and a muffer.' Then, on the second round, 'a doormat and a mactintosh.'"

Got the idea? No? Well, if, say, Nathaniel Gubbins were also at the party he would have to select "a nightcap and goloshes."

Got it now? The passport, of course, is to name two articles beginning with your own initials.

You'll be surprised how long it takes some of those who have not met the game before to fumble to the clue, and, for those "in the know," what brain-searching is needed to invent fresh articles to fit their initials with each succeeding round.

HOW about bringing an old favourite into date? Lots of you perhaps know it as "Birds, Beasts, Flowers, and Fishes." Here it is in the guise of a Personality Parade.

Given a letter of the alphabet and a time limit of, say, three minutes, can you fill in this list? To show you what I mean I have taken the letter "S" for the sample below:

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT—Simon

FILM STAR—Sullivan (Margaret)

CROONER—Shirley (Judy)

INVENTOR—Steehenson

DIAMANTIST—Shaw

ARMYMAN—Scott

FOOTBALLER—Sutton

JOCKEY—Smith (E.)

ACTRESS—Swinburne (Norm)

BAND LEADER—Shadwell (Charles)

COMEDIAN—Stainless Stephen

See?

How Good A Detective Are You?—1.

NOW for a little problem in crime detection—the sort of riddle my old Monday night friend, Inspector Hunchlight, might have to tackle.

A man left a £5 note on his desk. Later it had vanished. In the interval two people only had access to this note—his butler and his housemaid.

The maid told him: "I saw the note, and, for safety, folded it up and placed it under the red book on your desk." The man looked under the book, but there was no £5 note.

The butler next told him: "Yes, sir, I found the note under the red book, and, thinking it might get lost, placed it inside the book between pages 23 and 24." The man opened the book, but the note was still missing.

PROBLEM: Who stole the £5 note? And what evidence was there of guilt?

SOLUTION: The butler stole the note. The evidence against him was that the pages of books are normally numbered with the even numbers on the left and the odd numbers on the right-hand page.

Pages 23 and 24 were, therefore, either side of one and the same leaf. So the butler lied when he said he placed the note between pages 23 and 24.

Test it and see.

WELL, after that let's go back to some more problems. See if you can get this simple little sum correct.

L s. d.

A king 2 8 1

A leather worker 1 0 0

A boy's name (Bob) 0 1 0

Another boy's name (Jocoy) 0 0 3

Four officers of the law (4 coppers) 0 0 4

A pig (guinea) 1 1 0

Symbol of a king (crown) 0 5 0

Total 2 8 1

A boy's name
Another boy's name
Four officers of the law
A pig
Symbol of a king
Total 2 8 1

SOLUTION: *L s. d.*
A king (Sovereign) 1 0 0
A leather worker 0 0 6
A boy's name (Bob) 0 1 0
Another boy's name (Jocoy) 0 0 3
Four officers of the law (4 coppers) 0 0 4
A pig (guinea) 1 1 0
Symbol of a king (crown) 0 5 0
Total 2 8 1

ASK a married friend to tell you the year of his birth. Write it down. Beneath that the year of his marriage. Then the number of years he has been married, and, lastly, his present age. You will find the answer is 3876. Here is an example:—

Born 1908
Married 1929
Been married 9
Age 30
3876

If the solution does not come to 3876 some one is not telling the truth! Woman, thy name is vanity!

WHAT about this one? Do you know it?

A man was employed to paint the hands of Big Ben. He was given 16lbs. of paint for the job. He found that the large hand required 3lbs., and the small hand 1lb., of paint. How much paint had he left over when he had completed painting the hands?

ANSWER: None. Big Ben has four faces.

AND this may look tricky, but isn't.

What was the Prime Minister's name in 1912?

ANSWER: Neville Chamberlain. It has been that since he was born.

CAN you write a sentence in which the word "AND" appears five times in succession?

EXAMPLE: "The inn-keeper of the Star and Garter had a new sign painted. As he was not satisfied with it, he sent for the sign-writer and complained: 'There's too much space between Star and AND and AND and Garter.'"

LET'S have another game. What about Towns of England? This is a nice sort of comfortable round-the-fire game.

It starts with some one saying the name of an English town; the right-hand neighbour must name another town, the first letter of which is the same as the last letter of the name of the preceding town mentioned. And so on round the circle.

Any player unable to think of a town after the count of ten loses a life. Three lives lost puts you out of the game. That sounds much easier than it really is. For instance, if A says "Norwich," and B says "Hullfax," what does poor C do? Loses a life, I fear.

And remember a town once mentioned may not be used again.

I WAS in the country not long ago and saw a number of swans swimming on a lake. There were two swans in front of a

RIPLEY'S BEST

Ripley's most famous Believe-it-or-not puzzle:—

A youth, ready to start his business career, had received two offers of a situation.

(A) £100 a year and a yearly rise of £20.

(B) £100 a year and a half-yearly rise of £5.

Which should he accept? **ANSWER:** "B" offer. It is always worth £5 a year more than "A's" offer.

This problem was argued over in office, workshop, restaurant, club, bus, and train. Readers telephoned and telegraphed, wagers were laid—and lost. More than 1,400 letters were received from all parts of the world.

Work it out, but please don't send any more solutions.

swan, two swans behind a swan, and one swan in the middle.

How many swans do you think I saw altogether?

ANSWER: THREE SWANS, SWIMMING IN SINGLE FILE.

Here is a little one you can all prove at home. All you need are two volumes on a book shelf. Say they are both 24 inches thick, what is the distance between the title page of volume one and the last page of volume two—not counting the thicknesses of the covers?

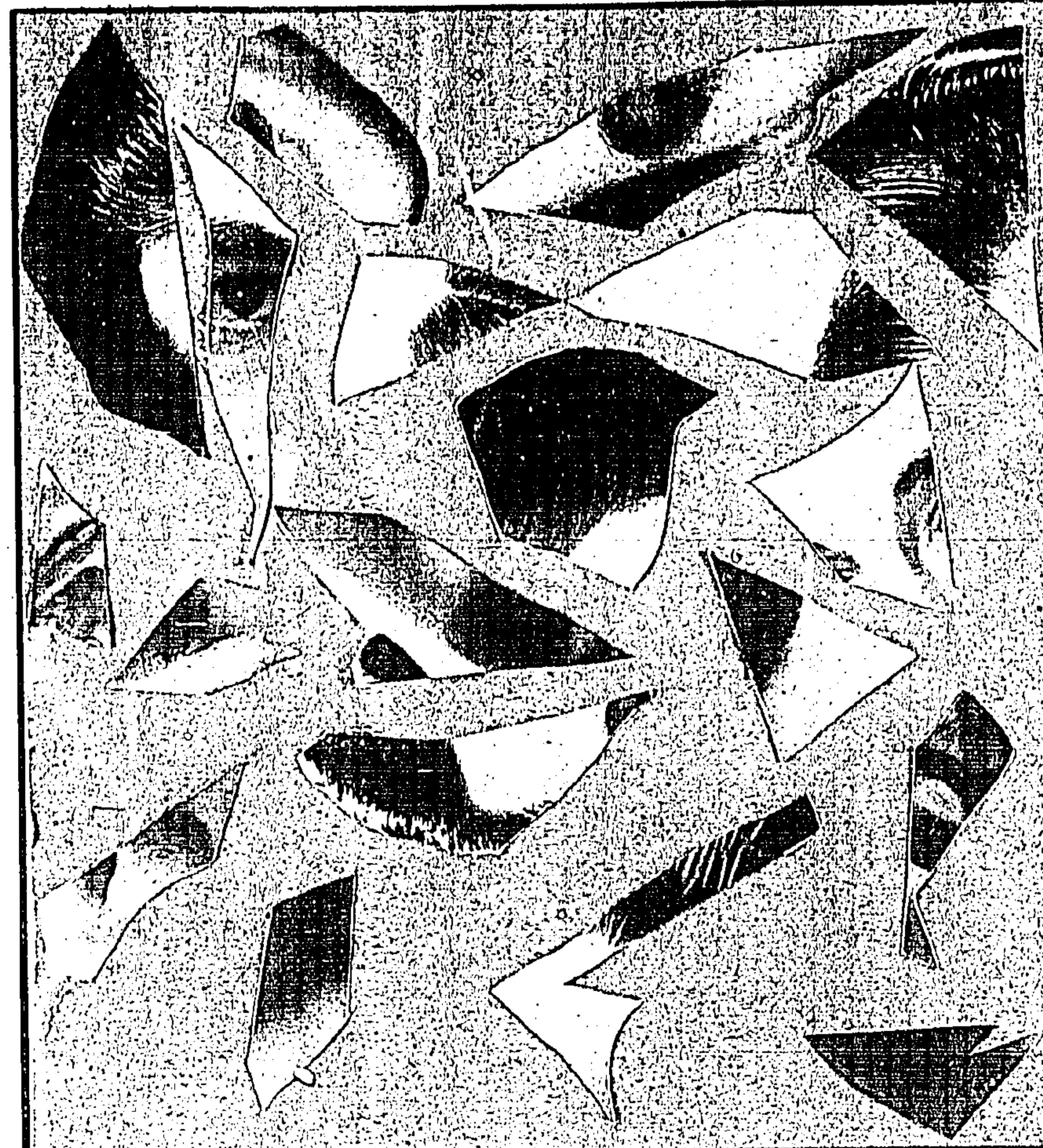
ANSWERS: There is no distance. Ignoring the covers as requested the pages touch one another. Test it.

How Good A Detective Are You?—2.

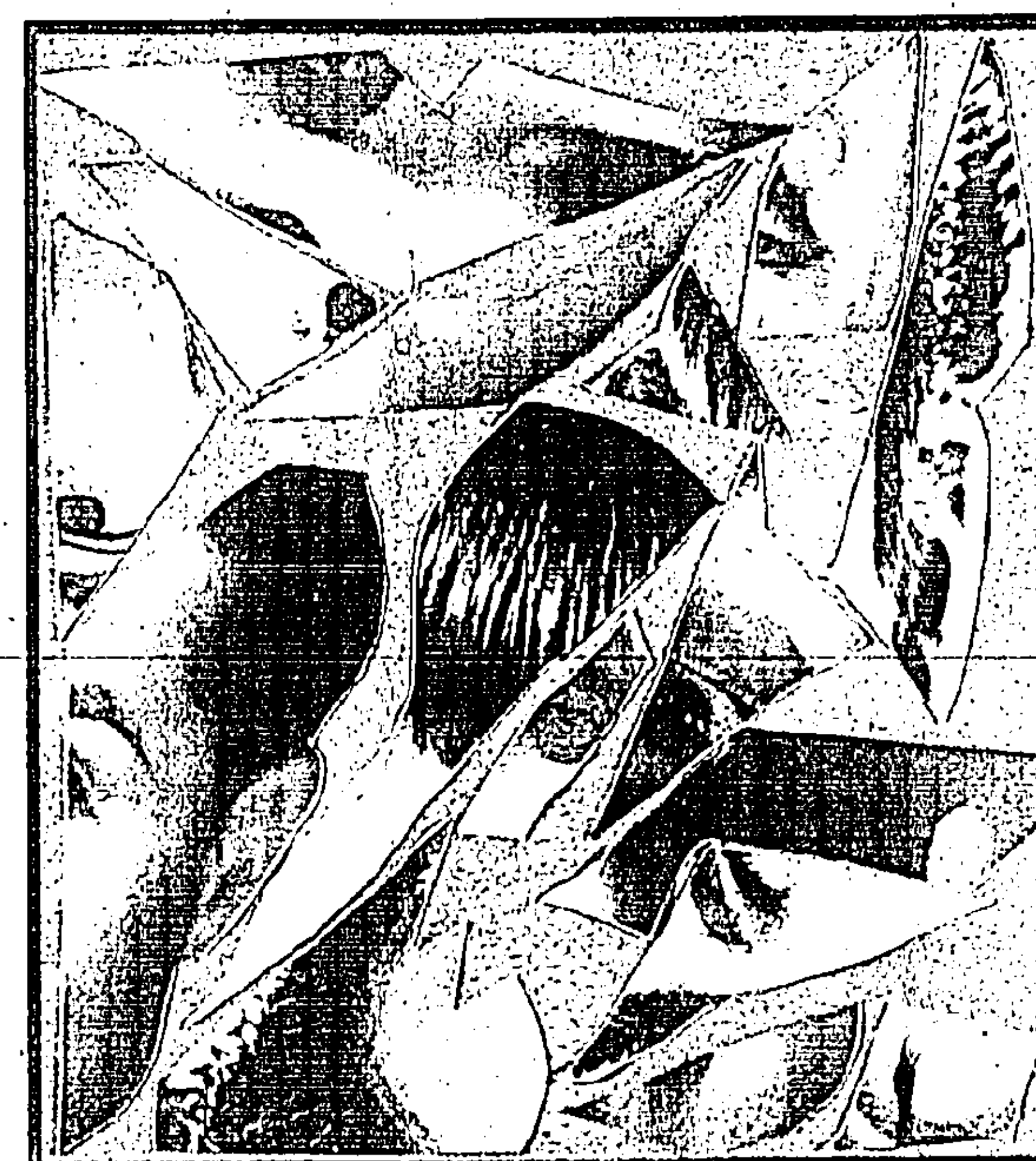
A ROUGH-LOOKING man rang the front-door bell of the home of a famous collector of antiques.

"Can I see the guv'nor?" he asked the servant who answered the door. "What's your business?" replied the maid.

"Well," said the man, "I've got something here that will interest him."



WHICH BIT OF FACE BELONGS TO WHICH STAR?



The faces of two famous 20th Century Fox film stars have been cut into pieces and jumbled together into two "pictures." The job is to put them together again, and an ingenious competition can be arranged. Get another copy of this issue and then split your guests into two teams (actually teams should not be of more than four people). Of course, the more copies of the paper you can obtain, the more teams of comfortable proportions you can have. The winning team is that which takes the shortest time to complete the face.

words. Now, you budding Tennysons! Get busy!

WELL, I hope these puzzles and games have helped to entertain you a little.

I hope there were enough simple ones for people like myself who find the easiest problem a bit difficult, until, of course, I've seen the answer.

I also hope there were some that really interested the brainy people, who can visualise "half a hen."



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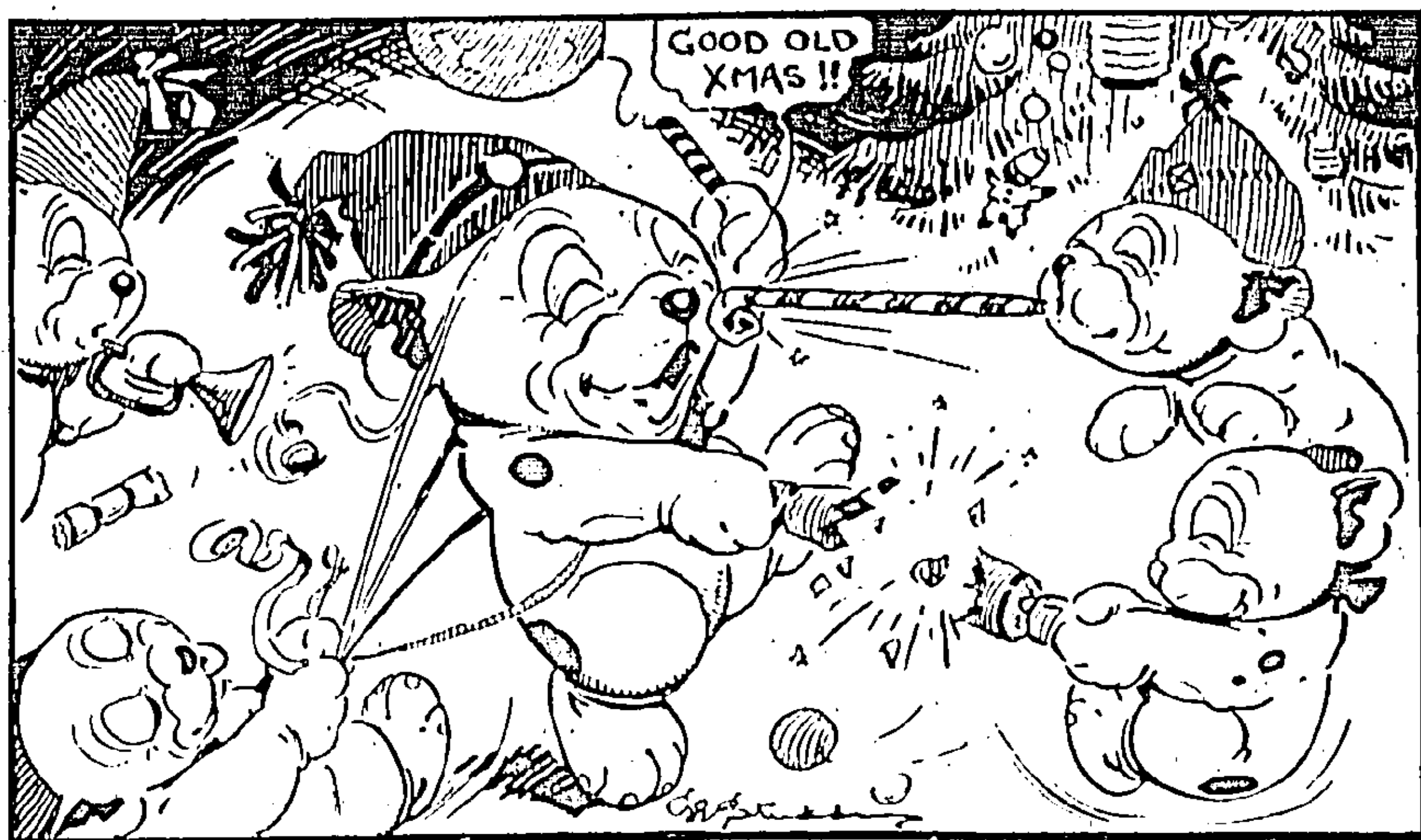
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Girls' and Boys' Corner



Dear Kiddies,

Very few entries again this week. I think the competition must have been too hard for you or else you are all so busy with Christmas shopping and preparation that you found no time to enter the competition.

The prize winners this week are:

Jesse John (age 11), Mun-sang College.

Marion Paterson (aged 8½), 196, The Peak.

Debt Preferred To Darkness

NEWCOMERTOWN, (UPI).—City council, deciding that debt is better than darkness, rejected a proposal of Mayor Charles H. Munford that street lights be turned off as an economy measure. The mayor had made the proposal because of the town's financial difficulties.

This is all my own work

Name _____
Address _____

Coupons have been sent to Jesse and Marion which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

There were no entries in the junior age section so naturally I cannot give any prizes in that section.

Specially commended for good work are the following: John Gry, Eunice Dodson, Joan Gordon, Teresa Souza, Roberta Quan, P. Tkachenko, Frank Young.

Ghazi Khan: Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas card. It was very good of you to remember me.

This week, kiddies, I want you

to colour the above picture as gaily as you can with your paints or crayons. Fill in the name, age and address coupon and send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street.

The competition closes at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Three prizes will again be given—one for the best entry in each age section.

I want to wish every one of you a "Merry Christmas." I do hope you have a lovely time during the festive season.

Uncle Eddie

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

PICTURES AT CHRISTMAS



Not a call to arms, but a call for the camera. Every Christmas brings picture chances such as this—plan your pictures now!

CAMERA hobbyists can give a new twist to the admonition, "Do your Christmas shopping early!" Their watchword should be, "Plan your Christmas pictures early!"

Of course, you probably won't receive that fine new camera until Christmas morning. (You're supposed to look surprised when you unwrap it.) But, for Christmas pictures before that time, the old camera will doubtless give good service. And what a lot of such pre-Christmas pictures there are to take, if the holiday story is to be fully told!

For example, there ought to be a good shot of you setting the Christmas tree. Maybe you buy the tree from a vendor, or maybe you go out into the country and cut your own. Either way, it's a picture.

Then there's the decorating of the tree to be pictured. And a shot of the children admiring it. And pictures of gifts being wrapped for friends. And members of the family placing packages. And pictures of the children peering out of the window, looking for Santa Claus. And, of course, the youngsters hanging up their stockings, and reluctantly going up to bed—a good snailway

shot, with the children in their nightgowns.

These are pictures that introduce the Christmas story properly. Placed in the album in proper sequence, they have tremendous story value. They give you much more to remember—and half the fun of Christmas is in getting ready for it.

Christmas morning, of course, you can picture the opening of the gifts; the children enjoying new toys, and other members of the family trying on new gift scarves or jackets—all worth while. Then there are pictures at Christmas dinner, and in the afternoon, outdoor shots showing the new sled or bicycle on its first trial run.

Since many shots will be indoors, you'll need high speed film, a couple of amateur "flood" bulbs, and an inexpensive set of cardboard "lamp-shade-type" reflectors to use with them. Better have a few flash bulbs, too, for the occasional shot that requires them. And by all means make a list of "must" pictures—snapshots you are just bound to get. Telling the Christmas story is easier if you have such an outline to work from.

John van Guilder

Gulliver in the Garden

Green Grows the City, by Beverly Nichols. New York: Harcourt, Brace.

BOILED DOWN to sheer practicality, "Green Grows the City" tells how to make a charming garden out of a little, unpromising city backyard. Since Beverly Nichols is the author, however, the book is a vertiginous compound of exaggeration, satire, commonsense, whimsy, sentimentality, beauty, and unabashed garden enthusiasm. Mr. Nichols is nothing if not eclectic. He has written novels, plays, essays, travel books, and comments on public affairs; and he has written, more often than about any other one topic, on gardens and country life—"Down the Garden Path," "Thatched Roof," and "A Village in a Valley." These have won him his most ardent admirers; on account of these, he is reckoned a prophet of rural beauty. Enhancing that reputation, he has now written another garden book, but one laid in a new kind of scene.

Mr. Nichols tells what he did when he was no longer able to escape from the city to his Huntingdonshire cottage for long week ends; when he could no longer endure the stuffiness and foginess of Westminster, in spite of its hallowed name. So he went hunting for a London home with a garden.

He found the house in Heathstead, within 30 minutes of the centre of the city. Number Five, Highways Close, became his property in so far as a 999 years' lease could make it so. The house did have a garden; but such a garden—a stark, uncompromising triangle, bordered by wooden fences, infested by three giant poplar stumps, a sea of mud hardly fit for a cat-run.

The substance of "Green Grows the City" is the transforming of that desolate triangle into a place of beauty. It makes a fascination and hilarious story. Mr. Peregrine, the carpenter, who "did not want to deter" his employer, but—; a story about the elegant cats,

Rose and Cavalier; about Mrs. Heckmondwyke, who lived at Number One and opposed every innovation attempted by her neighbour—the removal of the poplar stumps; the substitution of brick walls for wooden fences; the glass-domed greenhouse which Mrs. H. thought infringed on that honky British institution known as Ancient Lights.

The problem that faced Mr. Nichols was how to make a triangle seem to be not a triangle. This he did by cunningly contrived walls, a curving path, a tall, red camelia that peeped over the left-hand wall and carried the eye aloft, clever flower beds placed where they did the most good and hinted of unseen glories around the corner, and by the domed greenhouse that filled the apex of the triangle.

Another problem was how to get into that tiny area all the growing things that he could not do without. In the end he had an herbaceous border, a rock garden, a rose garden, a loggia, a fernery, even a few trees, many climbers, and lead boxes behind the walls and around the glass dome filled with a succession of blooms. It was a Lilliputian garden, in which he as Gulliver found a world of beauty within the space of a few feet. He never managed to please Mrs. Heckmondwyke; but the other neighbours approved, and his two pure-black Siamese cats were happy.

There is no doubt about the enthusiasm and the garden wisdom of Mr. Nichols, but first and last he is a man of letters with a gift for vivid and racy expression. One suspects that, if he had to choose between brilliance and literal fact, he would choose to be brilliant.

W. K. R.

Opium Users Warned

CHUNGKING.—In an effort to counteract the spread of opium smoking in areas occupied by Japanese forces, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued orders submitting offenders in Japanese areas to "double punishment."

The generalissimo's announcement said that although "satisfactory results" had been obtained in the anti-opium campaign in the past year in Chinese controlled areas, "the government is not withdrawing attention from areas under Japanese occupation where the Japanese are purposefully involving Chinese in the opium habit in an attempt to weaken Chinese resistance."

Rachmaninov Wants To Be American

NEW YORK. Sergei Rachmaninov, the Russian composer, intends to become an American citizen.

Asked if recent Russian events influenced his decision he said: "Don't ask me to talk about Russia."

Sibelius, the Finnish composer, who lives about 30 miles from Helsinki, has been invited to Hollywood by Werner Jansson, the conductor, who is married to Ann Harding, the film actress.

The Book Window

I Know These Dictators, by G. Ward Price (Holt). An intimate and sympathetic picture of Hitler and Mussolini by a British newspaperman who believes that, as it is too late to disarm the dictators by force, they can be disarmed by friendship.

China Fights for Her Life, by H. R. Elders and Theon Wright (McGraw-Hill). A detailed and readable study of the Far Eastern conflict by two United Press writers, serving a dual allegiance to decorative adjectives and elaborate appendices.

William Keith, by Eugen Neuhaus (University of California Press). Presents in a well-considered biography the life and art of an early California painter of note.

To Aid the Bible Student

I, John, An "Autobiography" of the Beloved Apostle, by Rex Miller. Hollywood: George Palmer Putnam.

Let the Bible Help You. Compiled by George Perry Dixon. New York: Harper.

THE place of the Beloved Apostle in the affections of the Nazarene has had great appeal to all Christians. That there was, on the part of John, a depth of understanding of the Master's mission as Saviour and Way-Show is generally accepted.

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This understanding also breathes through the three epistles attributed to John, although the Book of Revelation marks a decided departure from the method, direction, and purpose of all his other writings.

Rex Miller has undertaken and successfully carried out the presentation in the first person of John's story as recorded in the Fourth Gospel, supplying certain background not appearing in the narrative itself and projecting the highly appealing picture against a screen of authentic history. It is an unusual effort, interestingly executed. The result is a volume at once a highly entertaining and worthily instructive presentation of the "autobiography" of the disciple nearest to the most important character of ancient times, the Founder of Christianity.

Rex Miller is well known as author, teacher, traveller, and journalist. The book is excellent in its literary character and contains no dull pages. To read the first chapter is to insure its perusal to the end.

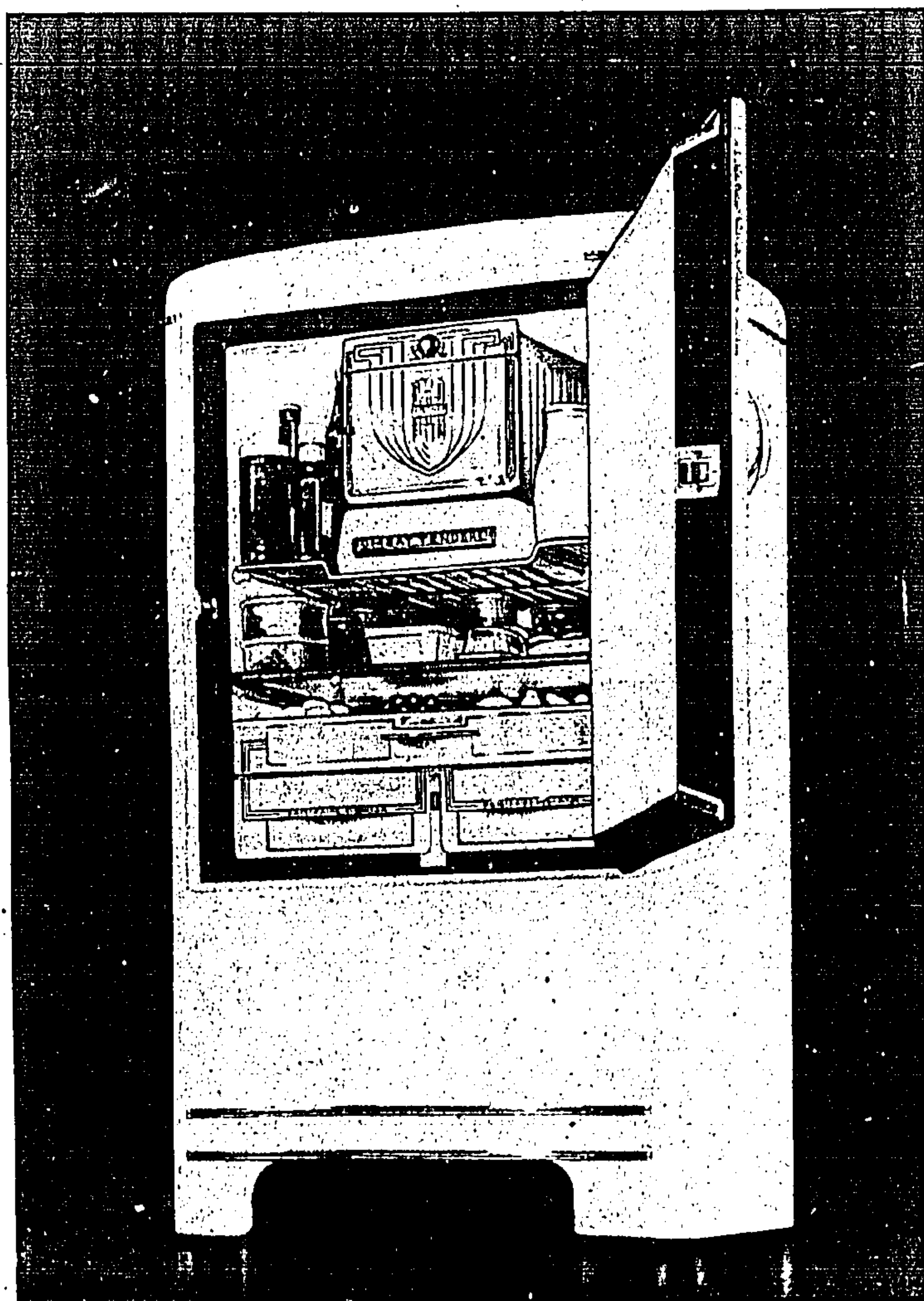
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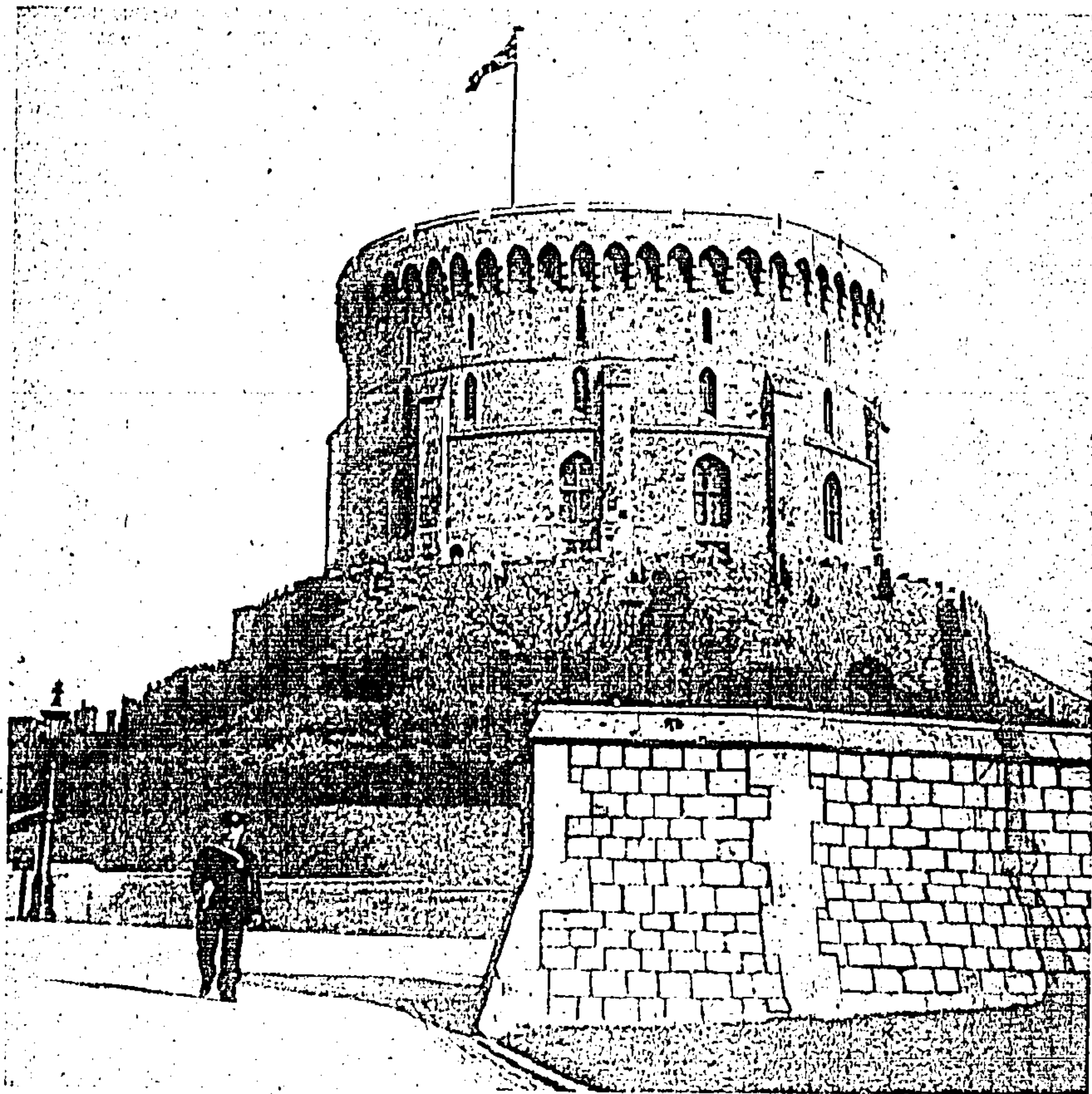


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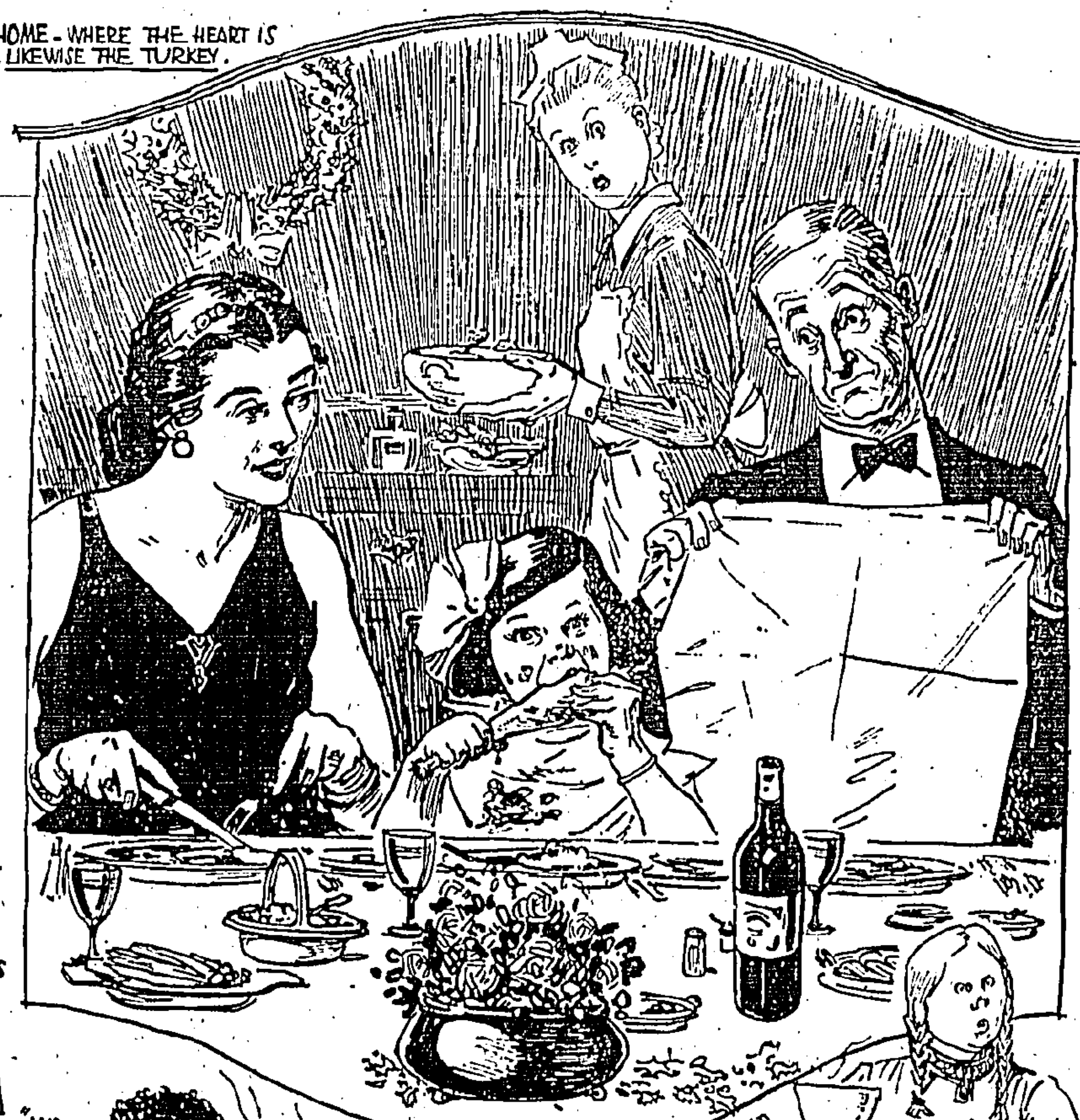


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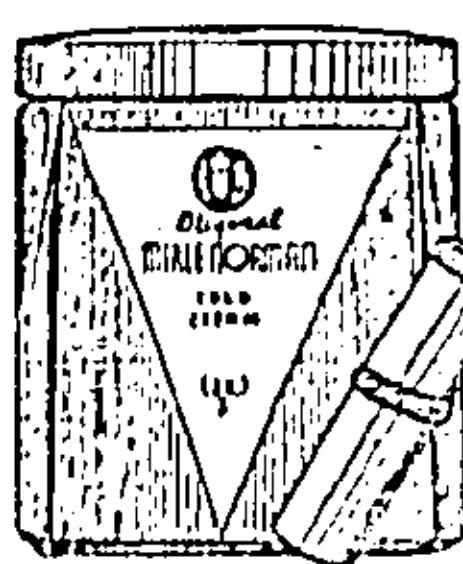


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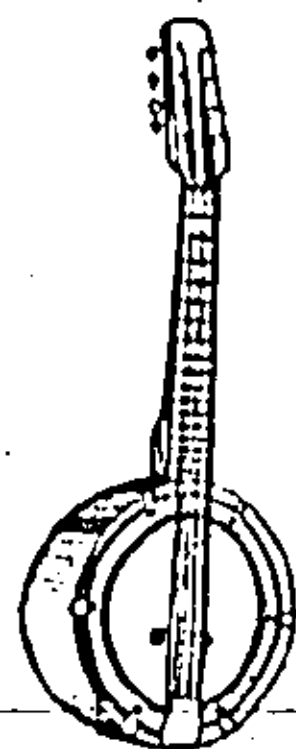
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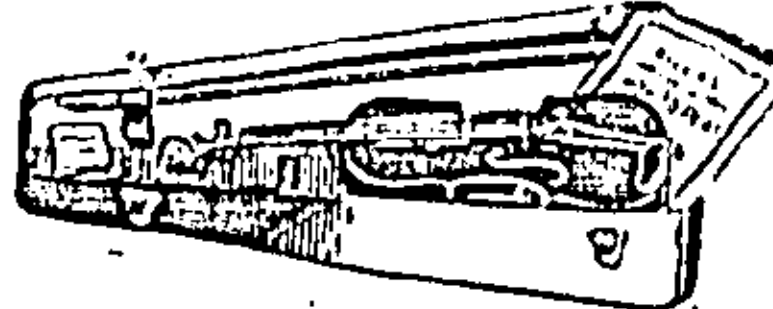


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Here are some games which should be too effeminate for boys or too masculine, and likely to end in cut knees and torn party frocks, for girls.

Sir Walter Raleigh Race

THIS game is played in couples, but otherwise on the principle of a flower-pot race. Run it off in heats of four pairs at a time. Each Sir Walter Raleigh has a Queen Elizabeth and, for a clunk, two pieces of newspaper, ten inches by six. Raleigh moves the papers alternately and as quickly as possible so that Elizabeth can walk on them towards the winning post. If, however, she allows part of her foot to touch the floor or puts both feet on one piece of paper she and her partner must start again.

The Matchbox Game

AN old game, but it makes them laugh, and they love it.

Two rows of chairs for the teams. The first member of each puts a matchbox cover on his nose, and his neighbour, remaining seated and without touching it with his hands, takes it on to his nose and passes it on to his neighbour in the same way. And so on until it has gone the length of the team.

Every time it drops it is passed back to the beginning.

The White Line

DRAW a chalk line on the floor and offer a prize to the child who can walk along and it looking through the

wrong end of a pair of binoculars. It is very difficult to do and most amusing to watch.

Human Noughts and Crosses

ONE team of noughts and the other of crosses. Set out nine chairs in three rows of three. Somebody must call "Nought" and "Cross" alternately, and members of the teams go in turn and sit in the chairs, the object being to get a row of three human noughts or crosses exactly as in the paper game. The side which wins takes a point. Out draw counts to neither. When the game is over those who have played go to the end of their team and the new people start again.

Ipsley Whipsey Spider

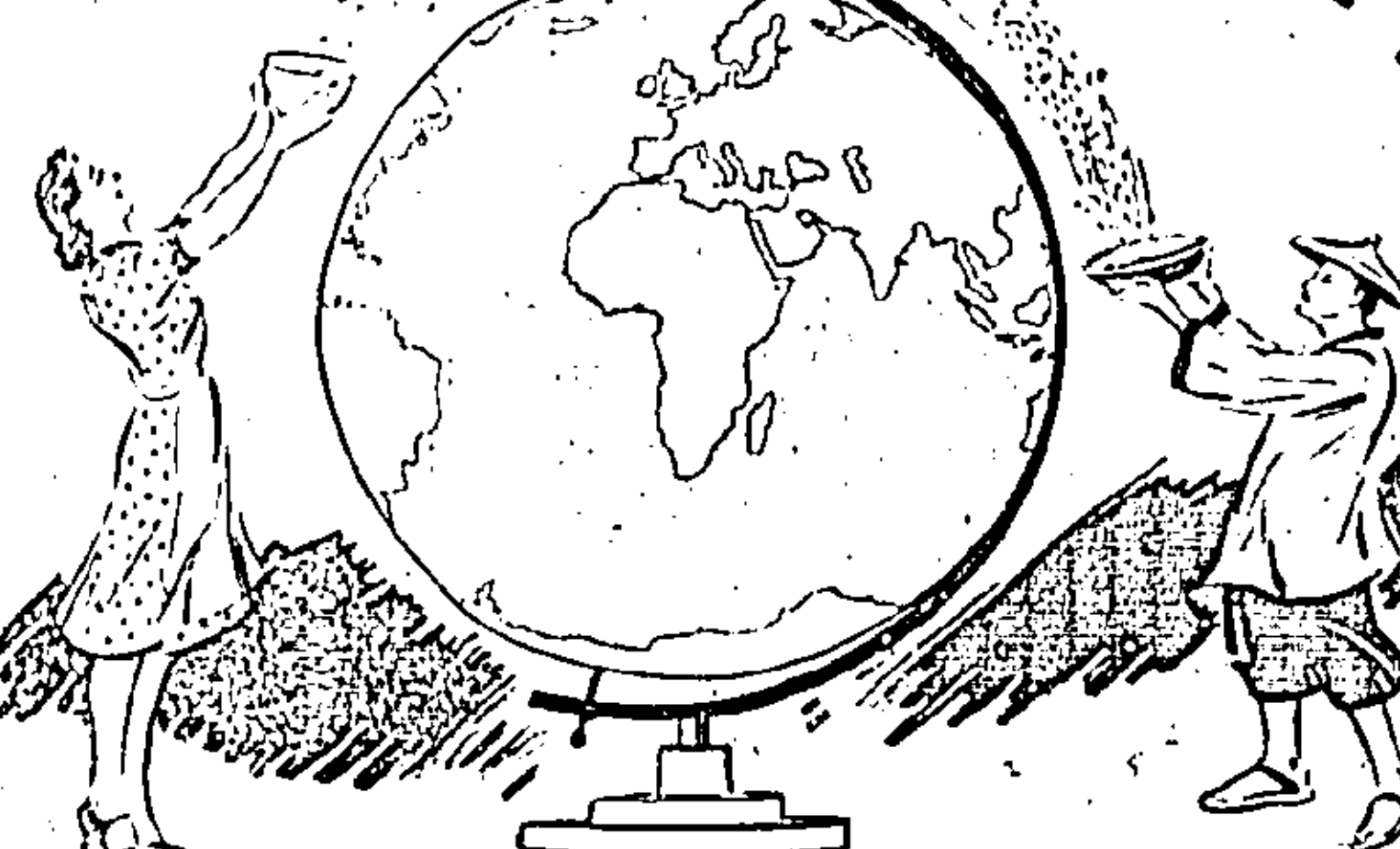
EXPLAIN that this is a very serious game and that you will give a prize to whoever plays it longest without laughing. Ask them to sit down and try to remember this verse:

Ipsley Whipsey Spider,
Climbing up a spout,
Down came the rain and
Washed the spider out,
Out came the sun and
Dried up all the rain,
Ipsley Whipsey Spider,
Climbing up again.

Then get them to say it with accompanying actions. Spidery movements with their fingers for Ipsley Whipsey climbing, dropping their hands when it rains, raising them when the sun appears, and ending with the spidery movements as Ipsley starts climbing again. Anybody who laughs, or even smiles, is disqualified.

The game will be won by a solid little boy who could go on doing it for hours without wanting to laugh at all and who can't think what all the joke's about, anyhow. It always is.

Round the World



Sweet & Savoury
Recipes
By Mrs. Bardell

ON RICE

of parsley, thyme and a bay leaf—or a pinch of each if you have them dried in packets or bottles. A small onion stuck with cloves and your chicken. This can be stuffed with forcemeat to make a more substantial meal, or cut into separate joints.

Simmer all together until the chicken is tender, adding more liquor if necessary, then remove and stir into the rice the juice of half a lemon, and colour it yellow with a little saffron.

Carolina Cream

I'm sure you'll like this tempting rice pudding from the United States.

Boil two tablespoonfuls of rice in 1 pt. milk with a tablespoonful of sugar until it begins to swell. Add a tablespoonful currants or raisins and shake in a dusting of cinnamon. Cook until thick and creamy.

Chocolate Surprise

And here's the British cook's contribution to our rice dishes—a delicious chocolate-flavoured sweet.

Ingredients: 2 dessertsp. rice, 1 dessertsp. Bourville cocoa, 1 pint milk, 1 pint water, 2 dessertsp. sugar. Wash rice and put into a pie-dish. Mix cocoa to a paste with a little milk and water.

Add this to the rice with the sugar and mix together. Stir in remainder of milk and water and mix. Bake slowly in oven for 1½ hours. Sufficient for four persons.

GOOD cooks the world over realise that cereals, such as rice, are essential to good health—in fact, in India and China rice is the staff of life.

One could travel all round the globe and find rice served in some form or other, either sweet or savoury. But different countries have their own particular ways of preparing it, as you will see from the tempting recipes on this page—both sweet and savoury.

Celestial Cookery

In Chinese restaurants there is always a big bowl of plain boiled rice on the table. It is ladled generously into clear vegetable soup and accompanies noodles, savoury pork and fish dishes. But it is served in other ways, too. Here is an appetising recipe.

Heat 2oz. fat in a saucepan, stir in 1 pt. shrimps or prawns, skinned and chopped up, or, instead, 2oz. lean ham cut into dice.

Fry lightly, then stir in some cooked

rice (about 1 cupful cooked in salted water), and a cupful cooked green vegetable, including a few capers.

Stir and heat for 5 minutes, then mix in a tablespoonful of Soy sauce (made with soy, beans and obtainable in bottles); or you can use elder or mushroom ketchup with equally good results.

A la Française

In France this is often served with stewed veal—delicious, too.

Slice an onion and brown it in hot fat, then lightly fry some washed rice (a cupful) in the same saucepan. Stir, then season with salt and pepper.

Add sufficient stock or boiling water to come just a little higher than the rice and simmer until soft, but firm.

From Palestine

This is a Jewish recipe—savoury rice with chicken.

Add ½ lb. rice to a pint of good gravy and cook gently until it starts to swell, then add a bouquet of herbs (a sprig

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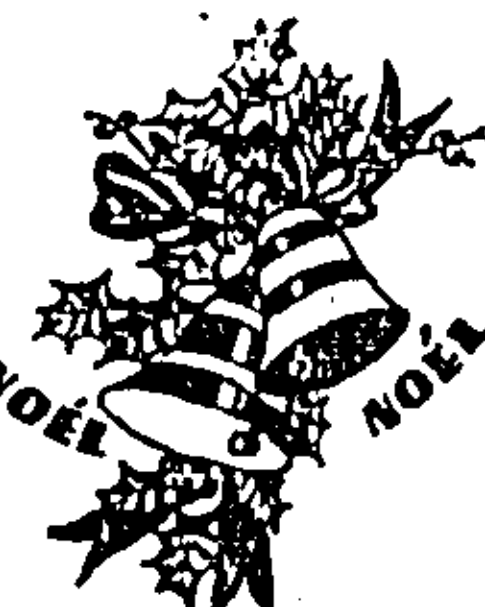
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ROVING HALF-BACKS IN FOOTBALL

Modern Tactics Open Up Fresh Lines For Development

(By "Rex")

POSITIONS ON THE SOCCER FIELD are not nearly so definite as they used to be. Though a player is ascribed to a special position, he must now be capable of introducing any required degree of variation. Time was when most goals were scored down the middle, and though goals are still scored by centre-forwards, the old habit of passing automatically to the centre for the climax of a goal-scoring move has been superseded by other moves.

Temporary place changing, and the prominence of marksmen on the wings have considerably altered former conceptions of forward-line tactics. The modern trend is to develop "rovers," who, while maintaining team-combination, employ more than a little initiative either as attackers or defenders.

Roving wingers and inside forwards, to say nothing of the changeable centre-forward, have negated stereotyped positional play. But cohesion, from the centre-forward to the goal-keeper, remains. When a forward, for example, adopts a defensive role, he has to keep contact so that he can initiate a counter-attack the moment the opportunity is found.

"Roving" should increase the difficulty of the opponents, but roving inefficiently loses for a team all sense of combination and they soon become disorganised.

In spite of this modern trend, there has not been much variation in the half-back line. The centre-half, particularly, has become more of a specialist than ever. Teams have perfected match-winning plans, and in some he assumes the role of third back, and in others the role of sixth forward.

But perhaps the man in the centre has less scope for variation than his colleagues on the wings, for he is still expected to be the vital link, almost the balance wheel, between attack and defence. In which case the wing halves should have greater opportunities of exploiting variations.

In much the same way as wing-forwards have come into the goal-scoring limelight, wing halves are expected to participate more vigorously in the same. This should not be taken to suggest that these halves are given a new job as marksmen. They have always been expected to be versatile, but it is more so now.

One cannot, of course, expect many changes in the half-backs' work where a team adopts a policy of defence all the time. Playing for safety means that the halves operate mainly as full-backs. It is similar when a team plays an extreme attack—relying largely on the outside trap in defence.

There are occasions when the off-side trap can be wisely employed. But no team should concentrate on any one particular method of play, because they then adopt an extreme policy of attack or defence. There should be moderation, and the responsibility of introducing variations rests with the halves.

We have come to expect wing forwards to be speedy, rushing up and down the wings in attack and, possibly, in defence. There are distinct

Referees v. Press Match Postponed

The Referees v. Press soccer match which was arranged to take place on New Year's Day as a curtain-raiser to the B.O.W.F. match has been postponed to a later date in consequence of the H.K.F.A.'s inability to grant the necessary permission due to the fact that it has been arranged for a Band to play selections for an hour before the match.

possibilities of this kind of work being carried out by a wing-half. This seems to me to be an avenue for development. Quick-change halves should be given more scope, but these men are not going to be easy to find for they must be real footballers, possessed of brain as well as brawn.

THE following are the football fixtures for the holidays:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Royal Navy (Kowloon), 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. South China "A" (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.
Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Rd.), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION "A"

5th R.A. v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo), 2.30 p.m.
8th R.A. v. Eastern (Stanley), 4 p.m.
South China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION "B"

Kowloon v. Kwong Wah (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.
R.A.F. v. Police (Boundary Rd.), 2.30 p.m.
Royal Scots v. R.C.S. (Military), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. Royal Scots (Sookunpoo), 4 p.m.
R.A.M.C. v. 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.
R.C.S. v. International (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.

T.T. Rugby

DECIDING MATCH TO-DAY

3-1 ODDS ON GARCIA

MANILA, Dec. 22 (UP).—Cecilio Garcia is 3-1 favourite over Glenn Lee for to-morrow's 15-round title fight for the world middle-weight championship.



Pam Barton... an excellent study of pose after a drive.

The promoter, Jes Cortes, predicts a capacity crowd of 40,000, including President Quezon, Mr. Francis B. Sayre and Admiral Hart. Both boxers are apparently in excellent condition.

NO LONSDALE BELT FOR ERIC BOON

LONDON, Dec. 13.—When Eric Boon defeated Dave Crowley for the light-weight championship on December 9, and won the Lonsdale Belt outright, there was a surprise. The usual custom is to present the belt in the ring, but a Board of Control steward said it had been left in some safe vaults and a replica would be presented to Boon on some special occasion.

A statement met with fiery opposition by Boon's manager, Jack Solomon, who demanded an explanation from the secretary, Mr. Charles Donnell. But Mr. Donnell only confirmed the steward's statement.

The Boon party (writes James Butler) have taken a matter to heart, and it may result in a walk with the Board.—Our Own Correspondent.

Hockey Selections

The following have been selected to represent Central British Asiatic women in hockey matches this afternoon:—
Firsts v. Y.M.C.A. (away), 3 p.m.—M. Ramsay, I. Parsons, M. Wainwright, E. A. Smith, J. Woolley, E. Lohovetsky, M. Quick, M. White, P. Whitley, D. Blais.
Seconds v. Argonauts (home), 3 p.m.—P. MacKay, B. Sullivan, M. Mackay, R. Duckworth, E. Gibson, B. Lewis, J. Hunt, F. Grimmett, J. Crawford, P. Baxter, I. Cunningham.

SPORTS DRIVE FOR WAR FUNDS

Golf, Soccer, Rugger, And Now Billiards

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The big sports drive to aid war charities—and particularly the Red Cross Fund—is going ahead encouragingly. Golf is well up in the list, with a total of nearly £2,500 already collected; soccer has produced a considerable sum, with the promise of much more from future representative games, and boxing is getting into its charitable stride.

Now Billiards and snooker players, both amateur and professional are to be organised for a big Red Cross Fund effort. Mr. John C. Bisset, Chairman of the Billiards Association, has accepted an invitation to join Lord Wigram's Sports Sub-Committee of the Lord Mayor of

London's Red Cross and St. John Appeal, and plans a national drive. I shall probably form a committee which will include representatives of the trade, leading amateur and professional players and provincial officials," said Mr. Bisset. "The possibilities are far

more than Hook, although there is little in it. The former tries more on his own than Hook, who prefers to get the ball out clearly to his three. Both are dependable in defence.

THREES COMPARED

THE CLUB three-quarter line, Stewart, Hutchinson, Bidwell and Beaumont, form a very strong back division, and provided the ball is got rid of by the forwards before they are tackled, all will be well. Army three-quarters can only hope to succeed in crossing Club's line if they keep the ball swinging in the same manner as they did against Navy. The inclusion of Richards on the wing should considerably strengthen the back division.

Neither full-backs should cause their supporters any worry, as both are safe and have good kicks.

CURTAIN-RAISER

Despite recent improvements, Club "A" will do well if they hold Navy "A" to a 10-point lead.

Reason For Henry Cotton's Delayed Wedding

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Henry Cotton, the famous golfer, is to marry Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss at Caxton Hall within the next few days. In June he made an application for a licence to marry Mrs. Moss, who is of Argentine nationality. The wedding did not take place, however, as the authorities had to see divorce papers proving the dissolution of her previous marriage. These had to be obtained from the Argentine, and before they arrived the application made in June expired. Now, armed with the documents which proved satisfactory to the Superintendent Registrar, Mr. Cotton has made a fresh application for a licence.—Our Own Correspondent.

the ex-champion has at least five more engagements.

RUGGER EFFORTS

EFFORTS are being made to arrange some representative Rugby matches in aid of the Red Cross and St. John's Fund. So many leading Rugby players have joined the Forces that it is felt the best plan would be to stage international games among men in the Services. One idea is that a side representing England and Wales should travel to Ireland and Scotland, possibly at Aldershot or London.—Our Own Correspondent.

CRICKET TESTIMONIAL FUND FOR WORTHINGTON

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The testimonial fund for Worthington, the Derbyshire and England cricketer, started by his club with £250, has now been closed at £720. Worthington is serving in the Forces, and the cheque is to be presented privately instead of at a dinner as originally arranged.—Our Own Correspondent.

Montes Hopes to Regain P.I. Golf Title

LARRY Montes, five-time winner of the Philippine Golf Open, is out to regain the coveted crown for the Philippines states the Manila Bulletin. He will be among the few outstanding local bidders for the championship which Norman von Nida of Australia has won for the past two years.

Von Nida will be back to make a defence of the title and there will be other crack golfers from the United States, Australia and Japan who will be out for a lion's share of the P10,000 purse in the coming Open which will be held at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club course in Mandaluyong on January 5, 6 and 7. But Larry expects to make the greatest comeback of his career and repulse all foreign invaders to win back for the Philippines the title which he held in 1936 and 1937 and relinquished to Von Nida in 1938.

Montes had to buck the worst hazard that can confront a golfer in 1938 and in the last Open—the mental hazard. In both years Larry was defeated off his game and his play indicated that his heart and his mind were not in his game.

A NEW PLAYER

BUT a new Montes will be out there smacking the ball around next month in the 28th Philippine Open. He is all set, physically and mentally. His confidence in himself has been restored and he feels as if he can shoot the kind of golf which made him the peer of local divots in this section of the world in 1929, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1937 when he won the Open competitions.

In the 1938 Open, Montes, got off to a good start in the first two rounds, shooting a 72 for each 18 holes but he collapsed in the 36-hole final round, garnering a 78 for each 18 to finish with an aggregate 300 and land fifth in the final standings.

Last January, Montes was even more off his game and finished in a tie for tenth place with N. Miyoshi of Japan and Eric Gorman of Australia. They each aggregated 306, Guillermo Navajo, winner of the open in 1935 when Montes was abroad, finished ahead of Montes, placing ninth with an aggregate score of 303.

GREAT CONFIDENCE

NEVER has Montes expressed so much confidence in himself and in his ability to win a tournament as at present. He has been practicing diligently for the coming Open and is shooting the best golf of his career. Those who have seen Montes play know that if the former caddy shoots his best golf, few in this section of the world can beat him and Von Nida will have to do even better than the sensational performances he dished out in 1938 and last year to win the 1940 Open. If Von Nida repeats he will be the first man ever to win the Philippine Open three times running.

22-24; lost to Bun and Miss Khoo 5-21.
C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva (Recreo) beat Yung and Miss Wee 20-16; lost to Hui and Miss Khoo 17-21; lost to Bun and Miss Khoo 3-21.

Badminton League

University And St. John's Win Mixed Doubles

Two matches in the mixed doubles badminton league were played last night, resulting in wins for St. John's and the University over Talico and Recreo "B" respectively.

The scores were:

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C. Bovald and Mrs. T. Beattie (Taikoo) lost to H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley 5-21; lost to D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 13-21; lost to S. H. Kwok and Mrs. E. Strange 13-21.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Main (Taikoo) lost to Eardley and Miss Eardley 3-21; lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 5-21; beat Kwok and Mrs. Strange 8-21.

RECREO "B" 3 UNIVERSITY 6
L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios (Recreo) beat K. L. Yung and Miss N. Wee 21-17; lost to P. K. Hui and Miss Ueng Khoo 11-21; lost to P. S. Bun and Miss Ulan Khoo 8-21.
H. F. Gensalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreo) beat Yung and Miss Wee 21-5; lost to Hui and Miss Khoo 3-21.

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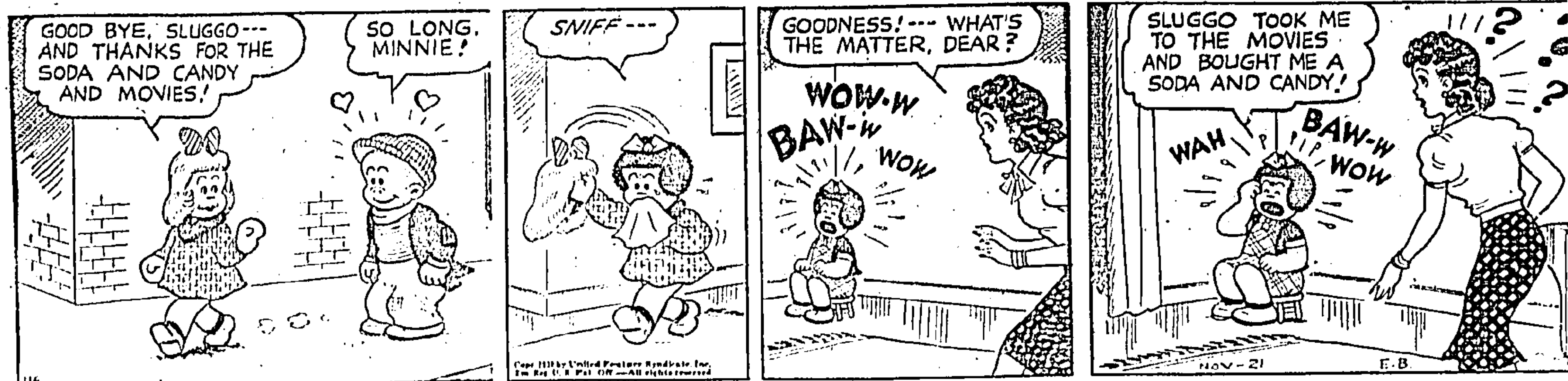
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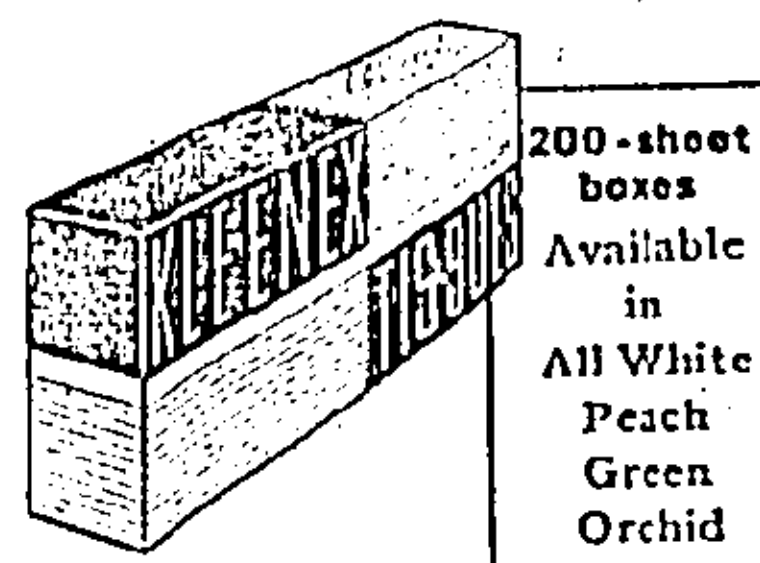


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Registration For Dentists

Hongkong To Have New Ordinance

A new bill to repeal the Dentistry Ordinance of 1914 and to introduce in its stead a comprehensive enactment based on existing legislation in the Straits Settlements, regulating and controlling the practice of dentistry in Hongkong is published in today's "Gazette."
The effect of the bill is to limit the practice of dentistry, other than tooth extraction, to persons who have been admitted to the register of dentists. Definition is provided of persons entitled to registration.
Provision is made for issuing annual practising certificates to registered dentists and for publication at the beginning of each year of a list of persons to whom such certificates have been issued.
Penalties are prescribed for practising dentistry without being registered and for falsely taking the name or title of a dentist.

Dentist Defined

It is stated that a person shall be deemed to practise dentistry within the meaning of the Ordinance, who for the sake of gain, holds himself out, whether directly or by implication, as practising dentistry, or attempts to treat or profess to treat, cure, relieve or prevent lesions or pain of the human teeth or jaws, or performs an operation thereon, or inserts any artificial teeth or appliances for the restoration, regulation or improvement of the teeth or accessory structures.
No persons shall, after the expiration of six months from the start of this ordinance, practise dentistry in Hongkong unless he is registered under the Ordinance. Any person acting in contravention of this is guilty of an offence against the Ordinance.
Nothing shall prevent the extraction of teeth for the relief of pain, or application of remedies for such a purpose, by a registered medical practitioner, or the extraction of teeth by a registered dental pharmacist when the case is urgent, or the practice of Chinese dentistry by persons practising teeth extraction only, provided that they do not make use of, or administer any dangerous drugs or any anesthetic, or use any hypodermic or dental syringe.

Dental Board

A Dental Board will be established comprising the Director of Medical Services, the Government Dental Surgeon, two medical practitioners appointed by the Governor, and two dental surgeons who are registered, also to be appointed by the Governor. Members of the Board shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

A register of dentists shall be kept, and those entitled to apply for registration are persons who hold a degree, diploma or any other document of an examining body in the

More Neutral Ships Sunk

Three Hit Mines: Crews Rescued

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Three more neutral ships have been hit by mines, two of them off the coast of Holland.
The first is the Italian steamer, Comitas, 3,600 tons, which was bound for Antwerp. The ship was badly damaged. The crew and passengers have arrived at Flushing.
The second is the Swedish ship, Vega, which, after hitting a mine, has gone ashore near Terschelling. Her crew of 27, six of whom were injured, have been landed.
The third vessel is the Danish Bogen, several of whose crew were rescued by the British trawler, River Avon, which was itself shortly afterwards attacked and sunk by a U-boat. Twelve have been landed in Norway.

Protection For Our Fishing Fleets

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Plans for the protection of British fishing fleets, the nature of which is not disclosed, are now in preparation and are likely to be put in practice soon writes "Reuter's" naval correspondent.

The present time is excellent for making the necessary arrangements. Normally English fishing fleets remain in port over Christmas and the Scottish fleets enjoy a holiday in the New Year.
Retaliation for the destruction of the Graf Spee is considered to be the principal motive behind the German attacks on fishing craft.

Russians Silent

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Russian press and radio still say very little about the progress of operations in Finland, and for the third day in succession no advances are claimed at any point.

A new Soviet decree imposes sentences of ten years imprisonment on violators of black-out rules in Leningrad and the neighbouring districts. British Empire or foreign country which is recognised by the General Council of the Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom as registrable in the Dentists Register of the United Kingdom.

Any persons holding qualifications of any examining body which may be recognised by the Board as entitling the holder to registration. Any persons who at the start of this Ordinance is registered under the Dentistry Ordinance of 1914, and any person who has been engaged as his principal means of livelihood in the practice of dentistry in the Colony up to the start of this Ordinance.

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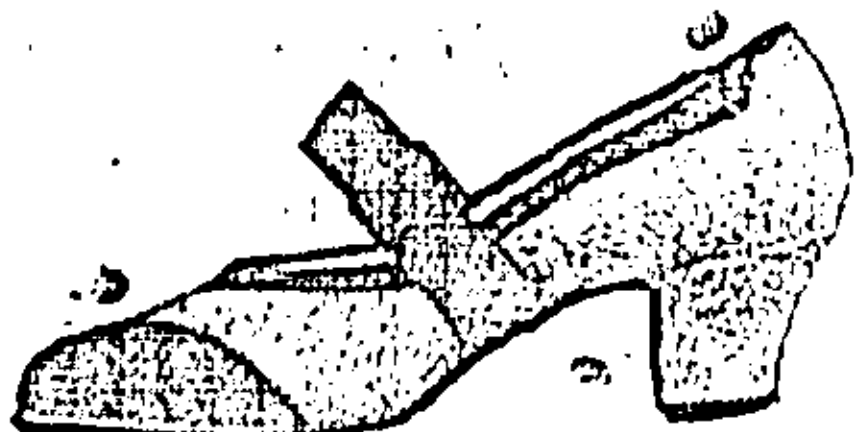
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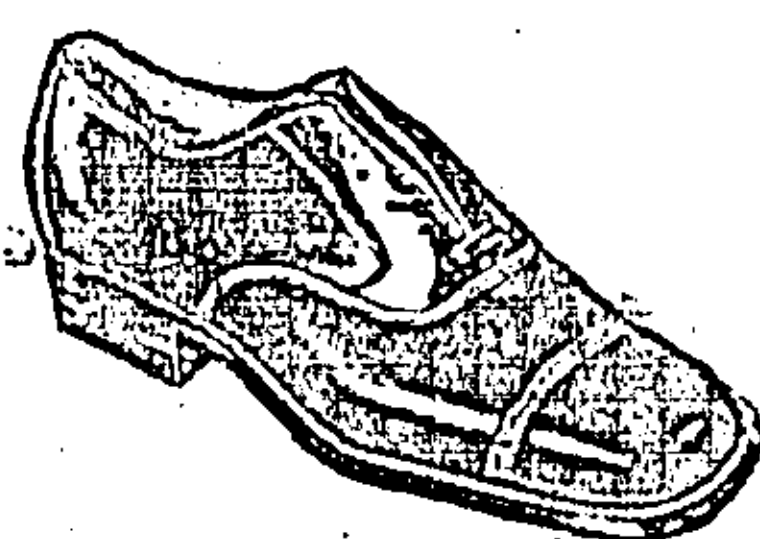
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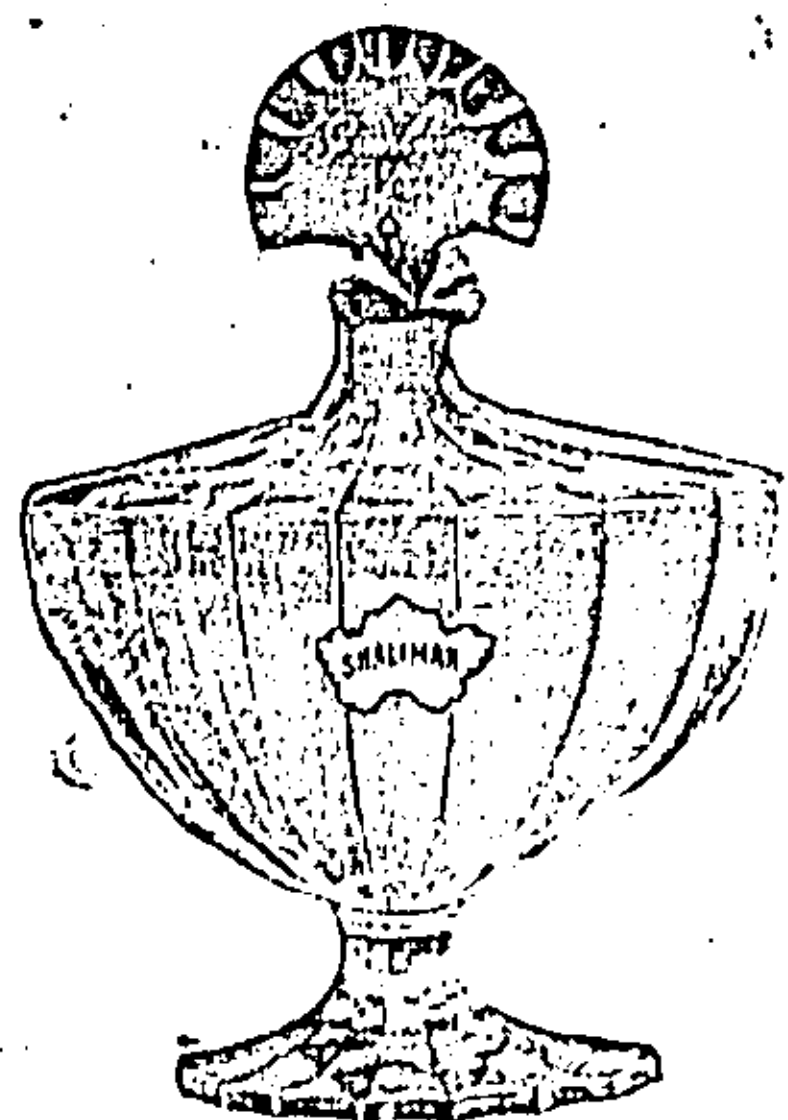
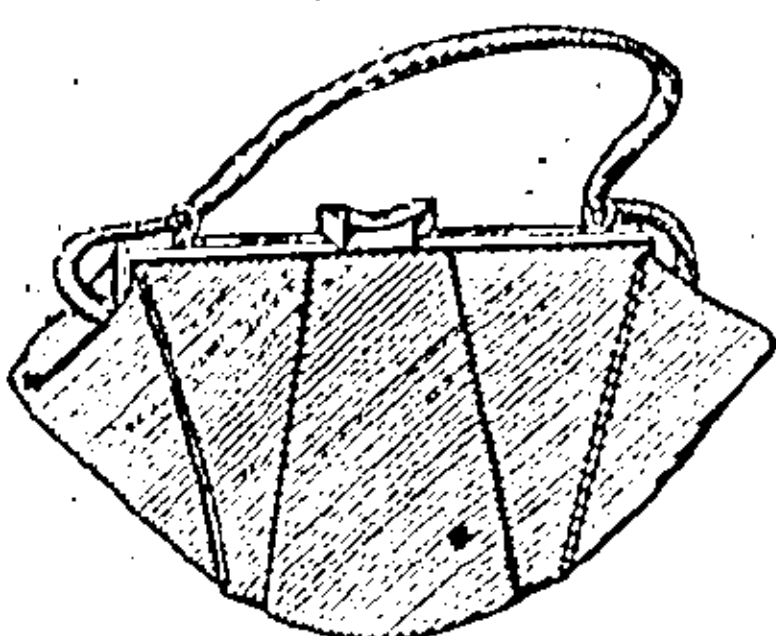
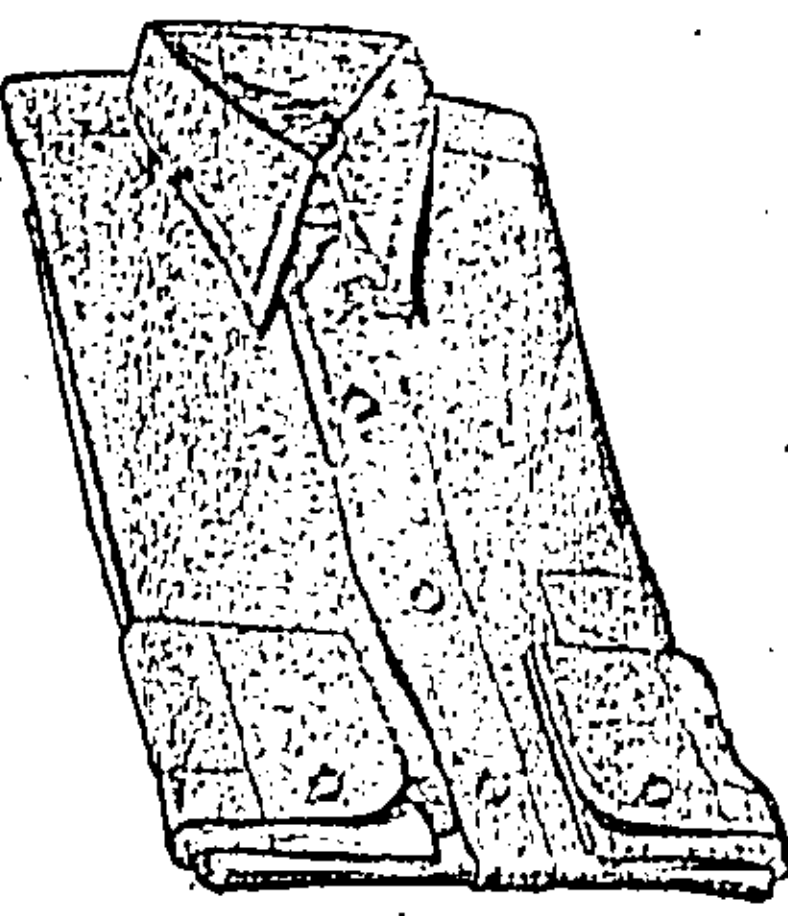
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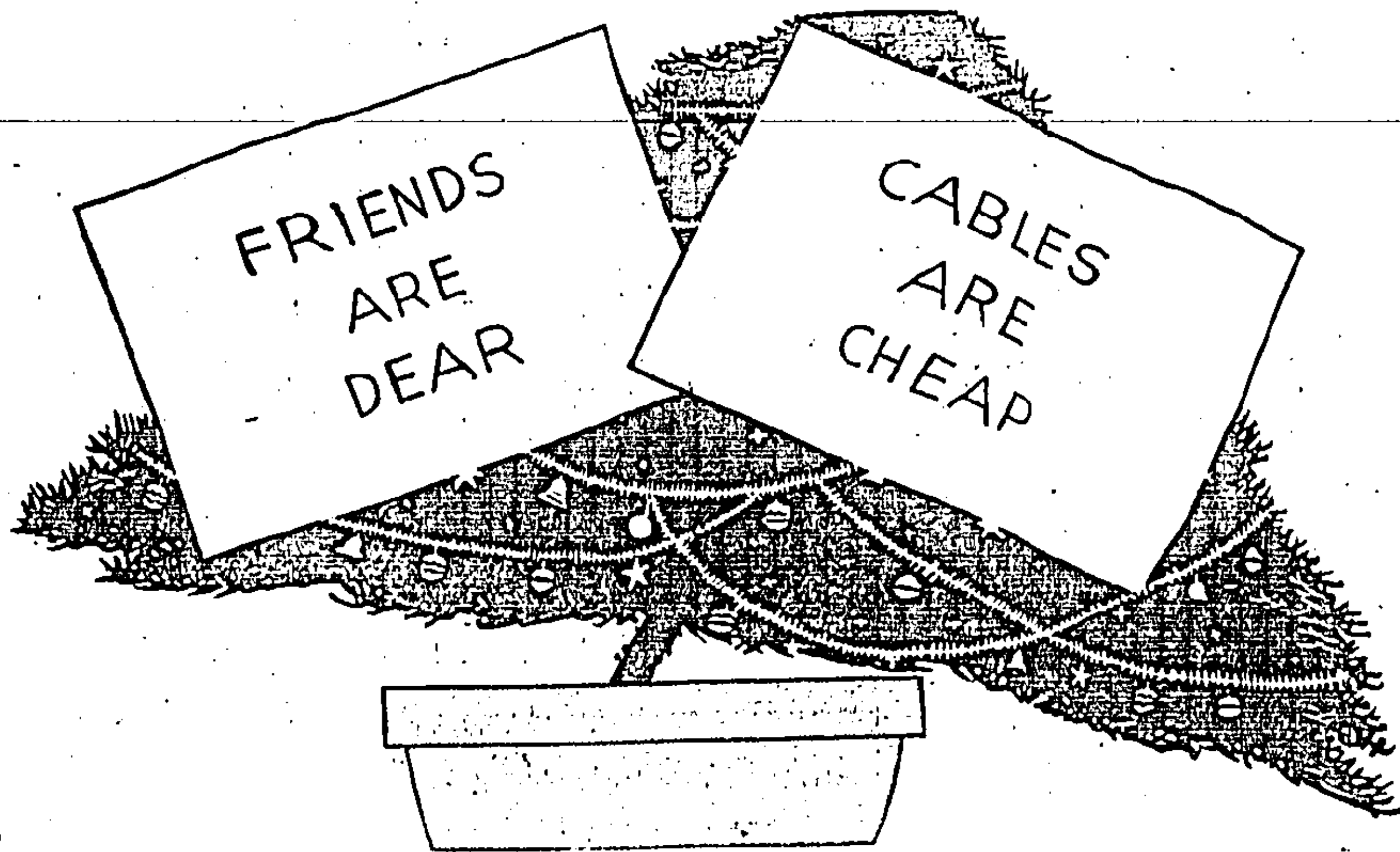
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12.15 p.m. Tchakowsky — 1812 Overture.

The Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin, with the Ural Cossacks Choir, conducted by Alexander Kitchin.

12.32 Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).

Hedge Rode (Schubert, Op. 3, No. 3); Impatience (Schubert, Op. 25, No. 7); The Erl King (Schubert, Op. 1); . . . with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

12.42 Light Orchestral Selections. 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Selections from Light Opera. 1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Concert Walks. 2.02 Charles Kullman (Tenor) and Albert Sander and His Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—"The Magic Shirl" or "A Slight Mistake by the Laundry". A new play by Deverish.

7.30 London Relay—"The News". 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Christmas Carols. 8.18 Studio—Recital by Father O'Mara (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by A. T. Lay.

1. (a) Jerusalem, Thou That Killst The Profit ("St. Paul"—Mendelssohn); (b) If With All Your Hearts ("Ellen"—Mendelssohn); (c) The Knight Of Bethlehem ("The Husband of Poverty"—David). Clapham, Thomson). . . . Father O'Mara (Baritone); 2. Noel (Ballou Gardner). . . . A. T. Lay at the Piano; 3. (a) The Lamb (Landon Ronald); (b) A Cradle Song (Landon Ronald); (c) At Night Time (Alcina Adelaide Needham). . . . Father O'Mara (Baritone).

8.35 Band Music. 8.45 Studio—Talk "Christmas 1914" by Major M. A. Johnson.

9.0 Selection of Old Time Medleys. 9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 The Royal Command Concert Held At The Albert Hall, London.

9.50 Hutchinson—A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony". Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden, cond. by Hely Hutchinson.

10.0 Studio—Christmas Story. 10.30 — see down.



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 828, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes, the sides of the feet and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch all the skin off.

Beware of It Spreading
Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or creole of the legs.

Now people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success. Ordinary permanganate, antiseptic, salve or ointment, seldom do any good.

Here's How to Treat It
The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissue of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows it takes 25 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

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As soon as you apply it, you will find that the itching is immediately relieved. You should paint the infected parts with it, F. night and morning until your feet are well. Usually the "cure" takes from three to ten days, although in severe cases it may take longer or in mild cases less time. It will leave the skin soft and smooth. You will marvel at the quick way it brings you relief, especially if you are one of those who have tried for years to get rid of Athlete's Foot without success.

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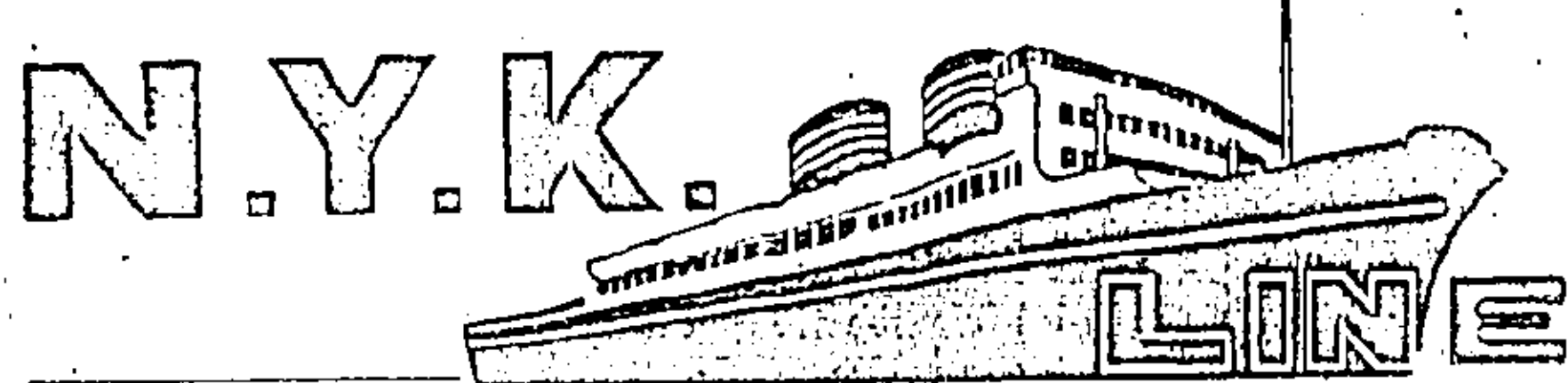
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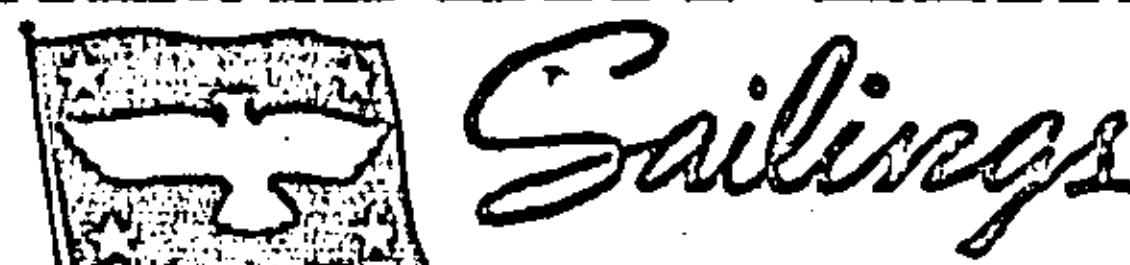
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London, Dec. 23, 1889.
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whole endeavour is to make Germany
powerful and respected.
What first-class trouble is Ger-
many not powerful, now in the lonely
corner of the world, in the lonely
world not respected? The "fruits of
peace" can only be maintained in the
fatherland by bayonets and cannon and
nobody knows that better than the
Kaiser—Ed.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1914.
Nothing has been heard for some
time past of the projected scheme for
developing the south side of the island
as a suburban residential district, but
from the fact that provision has been
made in this year's Budget for the ex-
tension of the road to a point which
would bring it into touch with the site
selected, we may assume that there are
still hopes of the proposals taking the
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Dec. 23, 1929.
Lady Clement presented prizes to
the following scholars of the First
School.
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Forster, Michael Davenport, Brown
Helen, Sander, Marion, Bloomfield,
Gerard, Monahan, Joe, Anne, Anthony,
Boris, Ian, Durnett, Peggy, Green,
John, Bruce, Parry, John, St. Paul,
John, Tracy, Evelyn, Ramona, Joan, Jo-
dan, Morris, Langston, Martha, Culliver,
Martin, Cherry, Joan, Douglas, Bill,
Alison.

Class 3A: John Wood,
Class 3B: Alison, Ruth, Thomas,
Class 4: Betty, Frances,
Class 5: Evelyn, Morrison,
Class 6: Evelyn, Morrison,
Class 7: Evelyn, Morrison.

Local Branch Society Examination:
Honorary, Preparatory Division: Mar-
celle Young.
2nd Class, Preparatory Division:
Charlotte, Sander, Donald, Wallace, Colin,
Morrison, Mary, Simon.
Honorary, Division 1: Andrew, New-
house, Evelyn, Morrison.

Marched Draper, who won honours in
the first division, is at present away
at home and therefore her prize will
be forwarded. The sister Draper, who
won honours in the second division, also
absent.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1934.
The first round in one of the biggest
local shopping struggles for many
years has commenced with the decision
of the China Tea Office to build to
call a strike at midnight on December
23 in an effort to secure observance on
the part of the owners of Chinese
conceded river and coastal vessels of the
proposed scale of wages.

An official radio announcement from
Moscow states that the noted Ger-
man leader M. Gorkov Zinov's off and
his associates, M. Kamenyev, were placed
under arrest on Thursday, charged
with plotting the murder of the Soviet
official, Kirov, who was shot in his
office in Leningrad about two weeks
ago.

The First Battalion of the East
Lancashire and Essex Regiment left
Catterick tonight for the Saar, march-
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2 a.m.

Christmas Eve

and Night

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DEC. 25

TIFFIN - - - - \$3.00

Cream of Tomato

Fried Sole, Tartare Sauce

Quail on Toast

Larded Fillet Steak, Mushroom Sauce

Roast Sucking Pig, Apple Dressing

French Fried Potatoes

Cauliflower Sauce

Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce

Christmas Cake

Assorted Nuts

Fruit

Tea or Coffee

DINNER - - - - \$3.00

Shrimp Cocktail

Cream of Celery

Fried Fillet of Sole, Tomato Sauce

Veal Steak

Lamb Cutlet Parmentier

Roast Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce

Potatoes London House

French Beans

Iced Asparagus, 1000 Island Dressing

Christmas Pudding

Mince Pie

Assorted Nuts

Fruit

Tea or Coffee

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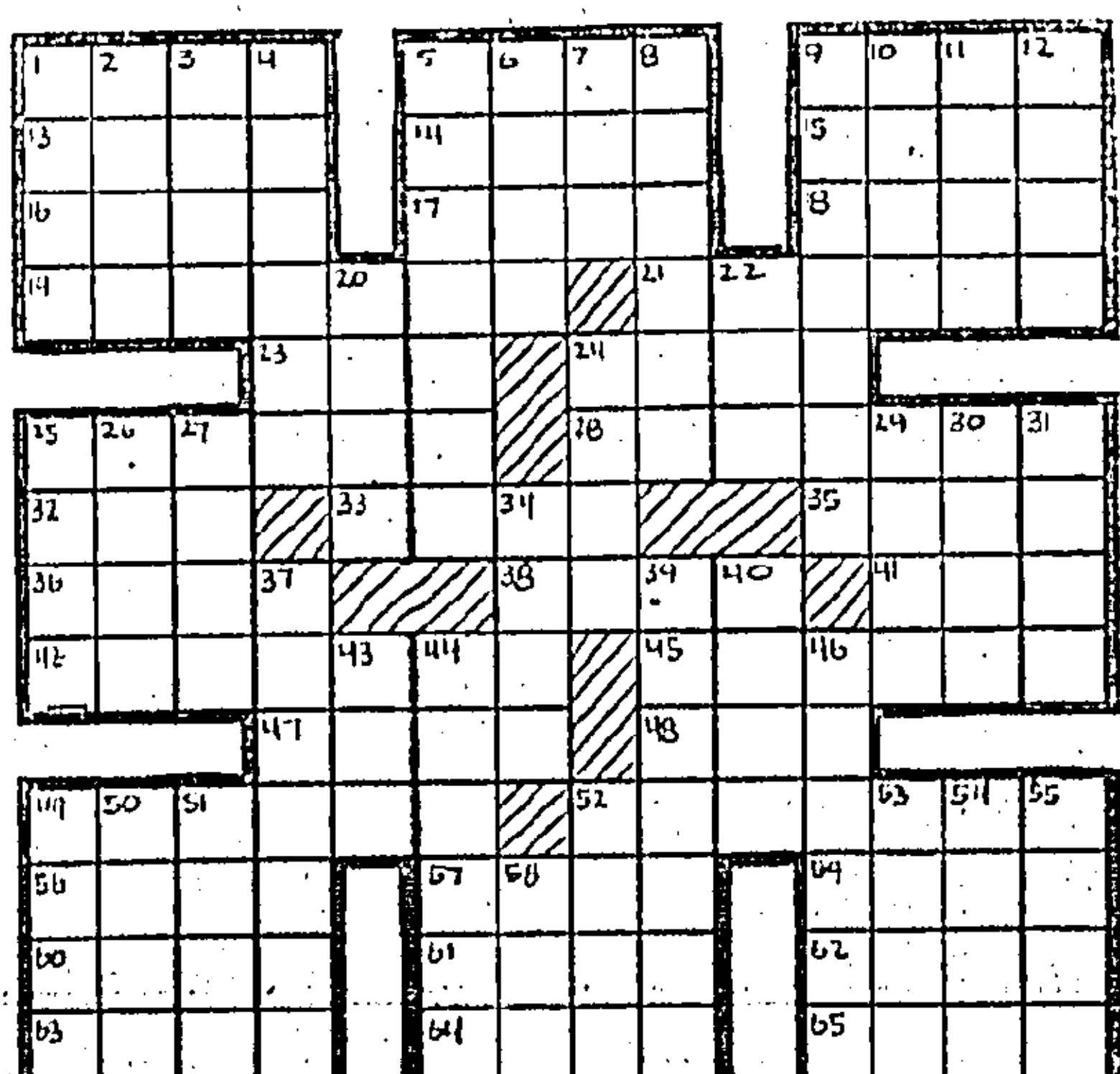
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1. Polished rich
2. Three
3. Fruit
4. Dark cloth
5. Unstable
6. Active being
7. Thick part
8. Father's report
9. Little fellows (col.)
10. Cheery (col.)
11. Self
12. Sea
13. Satellite
14. Population
15. Man's name
16. Name
17. Annette
18. Eye (col.)
19. Canan (col.)
20. Takes offense at
21. Deigned
22. Denials
23. Weeds
24. On back
25. Printing pattern
26. More than
27. Death notice
28. Woman in
29. Whimsy
30. Competition

DOWN

1. One's name
2. Number
3. Method of execution
4. End of war
5. Narrow inlet
6. End of war
7. Customs duties
8. Smoke particles
9. Underground animal
10. Animal body
11. Immaturely dentious
12. Japanese word
13. On
14. Suit
15. Unsprayed
16. Unsprayed
17. American patrol
18. Was called
19. Hatred
20. Promoters
21. Building
22. Left out
23. Father
24. Conjunction
25. Thin fingers
26. Leather
27. Invention
28. Period of time
29. Unsprayed
30. Ship's men
31. Doing nothing
32. Palace
33. Examination of
34. Disput



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Hongkong Currency

London, Dec. 22. With reference to the new Order in Council announcing further restrictions of sterling transfers and classing Hongkong as a non-sterling country, a leading Far Eastern financial authority said he thought the Order was due to the fact in observation of the defence regulations Hongkong has hitherto been lax and the Order is designed to tighten this up.

On the contrary, the observance by Singapore was very correct, "since the war began it has always been necessary in Hongkong, according to the defence regulations, to obtain a permit for imports and for remittances against exports," he said.

"So long as the nature of the imports and exports remains legitimate I do not think the new order will make any difference. The only possible difference might be in respect of Chinese remittances from the Straits to Hongkong for forwarding to China, in other words, China's invisible exports, but the amounts of these remittances since the beginning of the war have always been subject to licence and have shown practically no diminution and are unlikely to do so now."

Asked why Hongkong is classed as a non-sterling country although its currency is backed by sterling reserves, similarly to that of the Straits, the authority drew attention to the large circulation of Hongkong notes through South China.

For practical purposes Hongkong currency can be regarded as that of a foreign country and measures must be taken to prevent the danger of its notes being used to divert sterling into illegitimate channels.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

British Firm Involved For First Time

Shanghai, Dec. 22. The recent strikes throughout Shanghai in connection with the rice allowance have now spread to a foreign firm.

A large portion of the Chinese employees of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, leading British oil concern, are at present on strike owing to dissatisfaction over wages, especially as regards their rice allowance.

The demonstration includes clerks, boys and coolies in the Company's office on the Bund and it also affects one of the Company's depots. The foreign staff, together with several loyal Chinese, continue to work, but the normal office routine has been virtually at a standstill since 11.15 a.m.

One of the Company's managers declared that the situation is not so serious as it seems and it was believed that an amicable solution of the present difficulty will be reached very shortly.—Reuter.

A later message states that the employees returned to work late in the afternoon, having lodged their demands with the management who are giving them sympathetic consideration.

DEGREES CONFERRED

Informal Ceremony At Hongkong University

The degree of M.B., B.S., was conferred by Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor, on 12 graduates of the Medical Faculty of the Hongkong University at an informal ceremony yesterday. Mr. Sloss performed the ceremony in the absence of the Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

The graduates, who passed their examination in Medicine and Surgery in December, were G. M. Abraham, S. Bird, Chan Wen-cheng, Cheng Kwok-keu, Miss Priscilla Merit Ching, Fang Ching-wen, Fok Wing-kai, Goh Kok-nun, Lin Shun-kool, Chung-chung, Tsang Kwong-kau and M. A. Yarovosky-Eroga.

There was a large gathering present including Mr. H. Valtorta, Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Sir Robert Kitchin, Hon. Sir Shousen Chow, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, Mr. Fung Kong-un, Mr. Ho Kom-long, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. E. Cook, Mr. C. G. Sollis, Mr. Li Jowson, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and Mr. F. J. de Rome.

Blockade To Be Resumed

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Domei).—The "isolation" of the British and French Concessions in Tientsin will be resumed following the recent flood disaster from December 24 when the barrier on Anshi Street will be reopened, it was announced here today.

The Japanese Garrison Headquarters announced at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon that the Anshi Street barrier, which has been closed during the flood, will be reopened at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

LATE NEWS

Crew Sentenced To Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Details of the sinking of the steamer Sledrecht show that a U-boat sank the vessel 150 miles from land in bad weather and made no provision whatever for the safety of the crew.

The mate, one of the five survivors, stated that after examining the ship's papers, the commander of the submarine said that he would have to sink the tanker and gave half-an-hour to the crew to abandon ship.

When told that it was a neutral ship bound for a neutral port, the commander said that he would still have to sink her.

Asked to take the crew aboard the submarine and transfer them to another vessel, he refused, saying that he had no room.

He warned the crew that if they gave distress signals, they would be sunk immediately.

The crew took two boats, one of which was lost. The survivors subsisted on bread and water in an open boat for seven and a half days, continually soaked in the rain and continually bailing out water.

They were rescued after they had abandoned hope.

Press Asks Aid

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The position in Finland and the effects on other countries of the Soviet campaign were discussed in the British Press today.

The "Manchester Guardian" develops the interesting thesis that even if the far north of Finland is overrun by the Soviets, the main defence of Finland would be strengthened, not weakened.

The Finns would then be able to concentrate behind a short line in the north and along the line to Lake Ladoga.

It would be similar to that position in England if Scotland and Northern England were abandoned above the line running between Liverpool and Hull and if England had formidable defences running down the coast from Hull to London.

The burden of helping Finland rests on all those who have publicly condemned the predatory tactics of Russia and in particular on Scandinavia.

The "Daily Telegraph" takes the same view and says that Finland is civilisation's outpost against barbarism. If she falls to Russia, all Scandinavia will be threatened by a form of slavery.

Winter Won The Arctic Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22 (UP).—Winter has proved Finland's greatest ally. It has done what the Finnish forces failed to do—completely smash the Russian roller.

Driving snowstorms follow upon other scenes in the Arctic wilderness of the Petsamo region, where the Finns have destroyed every house, barn and shed which might have given shelter to the Reds.

The Russians have been completely cleared from Salmelaervi and beyond. The Finnish variation of China's "scorched earth" policy proved far more effective than it has done in the Orient, because it was applied in China only to cities.

The Finns have left nothing—not even mine shafts where soldiers might have found warmth and shelter against the terrific Arctic blizzards.

The latter have raged almost continually since last Wednesday, completely immobilising artillery, tanks and planes on both sides. Daylight lasts only a few hours in this desolate area.

Ski Guerillas Harass Reds

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23 (UP).—Finnish guerilla units of the famous Ski Troops—men who are rendered invisible by their white fur uniforms against the background of snow and who can swoop down on the enemy at a terrifying speed without being seen—are completing the demoralisation of the retreating Russian forces on the Petsamo front.

They are continually harassing the Russians, firing at them with sub-machine guns as they ski across the snow, and disappearing almost without being seen.

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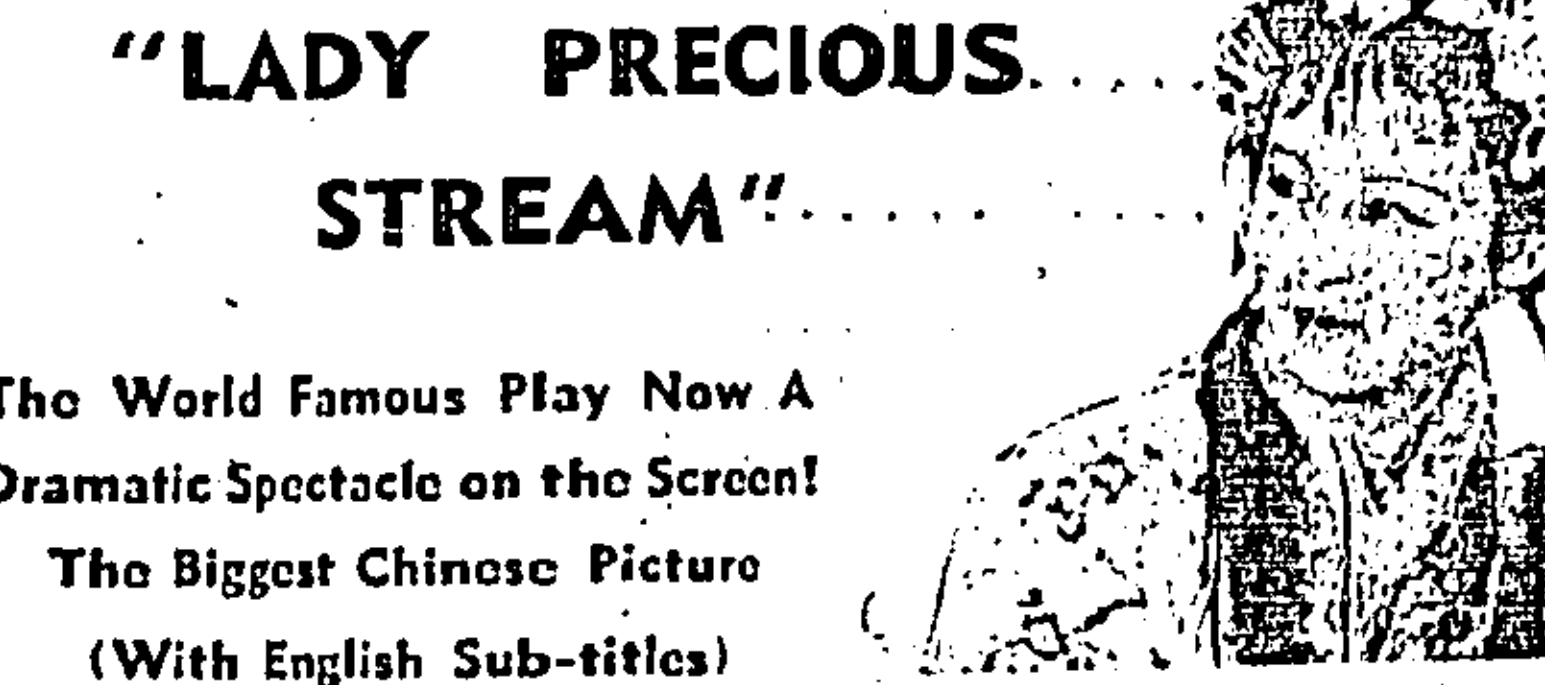
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